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City Documents.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

WITH THE

REPORTS

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE;

THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR;

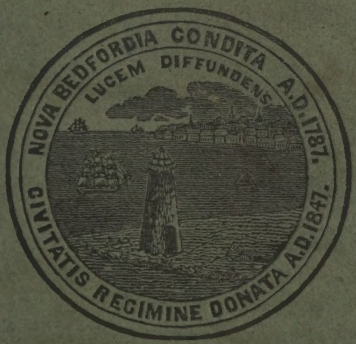
THE

BOARD OF FIREWARDS,

AND THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR 1850-'51.



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ADDRESS

OF THE

HON. A. H. HOWLAND,

MAYOR,

TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF NEW BEDFORD:

DELIVERED BEFORE THE

TWO BRANCHES IN CONVENTION,

APRIL 7th, 1851.

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ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

SELECTED by the generous suffrages of our fellow citizens to preside over the affairs of the city through the coming year, we have assembled in this hall, in accordance with the provisions of our City Charter, to give and receive the oaths of office. To many of us the duties upon which we are about to enter are not new, but to all of us they are filled with responsibilities which cannot be evaded, but which must be met by honest and manly hearts, firmly resolved, faithfully and fearlessly, to discharge their whole duty.

It is fitting, then, that we should pause on the threshhold of this new municipal year, and while we reverently acknowledge the many blessings which have been vouchsafed to us by the all-wise Ruler of nations, in times past, humbly to ask, that the same watchful care may be extended over us in future.

As we look back upon the year which has passed,

we find indeed many blessings to acknowledge. More than the usual measure of prosperity has attended the adventurous enterprise of our citizens, and the future opens before us rich in promise.

Let it be our care, so far as we may be able, to fix and make permanent in our midst the fruits of this prosperity, so that our children, in their generation, may have no reason to believe that their fathers were unmindful of them.

The wise father will see to it that to his children their *home* is the pleasantest spot on earth. And the wise rulers of a city should strive, by every legitimate means, to make that city a pleasant and convenient residence to all its virtuous citizens.

Foremost among the public interests to which I shall invite your attention, are our Public Schools. In the education of the people are the seeds of republican growth and prosperity.

Our predecessors, mindful of this great truth, early devoted much time and treasure to the institution and support of Public Schools.

They have had the satisfaction of seeing them year by year increasing in influence and in the confidence of the community, until, at the present time, they may be favorably compared with any similar institution in the country.

For a full and detailed report of their condition and requirements, I shall refer you to the able report of the Committee, which will be laid before you. But I cannot forbear, in this connexion, to allude to the great loss, which, in my judgment, the School Committee, and indeed the whole city have sustain-

ed, in the resignation of two of the oldest and most faithful members of that Board.

I allude to Messrs. Thomas A. Greene and Geo. Howland, Jr. For many years they have labored side by side, zealously and faithfully, in the cause of education, and it may not be too much to say that whatever of good may now be found in the condition and management of our Public Schools, is owing, in no small measure, to their unremitted efforts.

Let us hope that there may be found among their successors, some who will be prepared and willing to go forward and take the places which they have so long filled with honor to themselves, and profit to the community.

It has cost the city for the support of the Public Schools, the past year, as follows, to wit:

Teachers salaries,	$16,001 18
School Committee,	530 00
Books,	501 83
Stoves, pipe and repairing,	265 36
Fuel,	785 52
Librarian,	25 00
Repairs and alterations,	2,565 38
Land,	3,225 16
Cleaning, whitewashing, &c.	405 43
Incidentals,	687 24
	$24,992 15

The subject that involves the next greatest outlay

of money for its support, is that of our streets, highways, drains, curbing, flagging and paving. These several items come immediately under the care and supervision of the Mayor and Aldermen, who are, by the fifth City Ordinance, constituted surveyors of highways within the city. This department of the city government must continue to require yearly an enlarged appropriation for its support, in proportion to the increase of population.

As yet, sufficient quantities of material have not been found, within a reasonable distance from the city, to make the common repairs on the highways, &c.

Several heavy rains, the past year, have torn up and damaged the streets in such manner as to require from two to three thousand dollars to repair them.

To remedy this evil, and to secure the streets from future floods, good and sufficient drains have been constructed over several of the natural water courses that run through our city and empty into the river, of suitable dimensions to give vent to all the surplus water that accumulates in those parts of the city through which they run.

The outlay, the past year, has somewhat exceeded the appropriation. This has been, however, almost wholly in consequence of the causes before alluded to.

It has not been found necessary, however, to make any additional appropriation to meet this excess of expenditure, but merely to transfer the required sum from the balances in favor of other departments, principally from the Incidental Expense account. With these facts before me, I feel it my duty to recommend that the City Council should make a more

liberal provision of money to meet the expenses of this department, the coming municipal year. It may not be out of place, in this connexion, to say, that the subject of common sewers has been agitated in the Council the past year. Still, up to the adjournment of that Council, no special action had been taken in reference thereto, except to procure plans, and estimates for their construction.

This is a subject with which I am almost wholly unacquainted; but believing that it must necessarily require a very large sum of money to complete their structure, I would recommend that you approach it very cautiously. The expenses incident upon the within named items have been for the past year $13,275 62, being $2,804 32 more than they were the preceding year.

The items of which are:

For labor and team work,	$8,300 31
Flagging, curbing and paving stone,	3,570 61
Incidentals,	1,404 70
Making an aggregate of	$13,275 62

It has always afforded me pleasure to refer to the Fire Department of our city, and never more than on the present occasion. It was established as one of the safe-guards for the protection of life and property within our city, by an Act of the Legislature, passed January 31st, 1834, "establishing a Fire Depart-

ment in the Town of New Bedford." And since its organization has never been surpassed, in my humble opinion, by any body of men associated together for a similar purpose, within this Commonwealth, as well for their cheerful and undeviating adherence to the By-Laws established regulating their action as firemen, as for their general good conduct, activity and exertion, in the performance of their duties.

The Board of Firewards report the several companies as having their full complement of members, also that the machines and implements attached are in good working order, and all that seems wanting to complete this branch of the city government is a few more reservoirs, and I would recommend that one or more be constructed as soon as they can conveniently.

The Marshal reports that the alarm of fire has been circulated through our streets forty-eight times in the course of the year, and as often promptly responded to by our firemen.

Twenty-eight of the alarms proved to be without any sufficient cause, and the loss in consequence of the remaining twenty has been very inconsiderable, and much less than for several preceding years.

It cannot fail to be very gratifying to every one interested in our city affairs, to find that the expenses of this Department are some two thousand dollars less than for the preceding year.

For this year they have amounted to the following sums to wit:

Amount paid men,	$5,696 94
Repairs on Engines and Hose,	737 00
Reservoirs,	1,065 84
All other expenses,	424 65
Making an aggregate of	$7,924 43

The expenses of the Alms House and Poor have been much less than was anticipated when provision was made for their support at the commencement of the year. This is accounted for by the fact that the average of inmates has been less, and the relief called for, from outside the establishment, has not been so frequent as in previous years.

The department, under the head of the Overseers of the Poor, has, as far as I have been able to ascertain, been managed in such a manner as to entitle those having the charge and oversight of its affairs to the thanks, not only of those who have fallen under their charge, but from their fellow citizens in general. The poor and destitute have been well cared for, their wants supplied, and still the strictest rules of economy have been adhered to by the Overseers.

All those wishing employment for the season now before us, will, in all probability, have their wants realized; for the flattering prospect that presents itself, of there being a large business doing through the spring, summer and autumn, renders it almost certain that all well disposed persons, who wish employment, will be able to obtain it, thereby furnishing a living for themselves and families. This being the case, I can see no reason why the expenses for the

support of the Poor should not be less than they have been for the year just closed.

The expenditures for this Department have been as follows:

Provisions and groceries,	$2,328 46
Fuel,	1,255 87
Labor, nursing, &c.	1,073 65
Physicians and medicine,	779 75
Overseers of the Poor,	400 00
Superintendent's salary,	500 00
Chaplain,	65 00
Drivers of scavenger carts,	642 50
Supplies out of the Alms House, exclusive of fuel,	632 23
Incidentals,	1,831 12
	$9,508 58

The views expressed in my last annual address in reference to the expense of Lighting our Streets has been in a measure realized. The sum necessary to defray its expenses has been less than that of the previous year, and fourteen hundred twenty-nine dollars ninety-two cents less than for the financial year ending March the first, eighteen hundred and forty-nine. At the organization of the City government of that year, at my suggestion, the office of Superintendent of Street Lamps was abolished, and the care and supervision of them was, by a vote of the Council, placed under the direction of the Marshal; since which time you will

perceive that the amount paid for oil has been reduced fifty per cent.; and while I feel it my duty to recommend the strictest economy in the disbursement of the public money, still I think that the public convenience requires additional light in our streets, and would therefore recommend a small addiition to the sum appropriated the last year.

I have but a single word to say in reference to the Police and Night Watch. The system established for their direction at the organization of the City government in 1347, remains the same to the present day; and, as yet, I have seen no good reason why it should be changed. There has been arrested by the officers under the immediate direction of the city government, as appears by the Marshal's report, ten hundred and sixty-five persons; and by the Night Watch, according to the report of the Captain, nine hundred and thirty-six, making an aggregate of two thousand and one persons that have been arrested and taken care of the past year. I will give a few of the causes for which these persons were arrested: There were four hundred and ninety-three for drunkenness, one hundred and eighty-six for assault and battery, one hundred and six for violation of the license law, seventy-seven for larceny, and thirty-three for keeping disorderly house, &c. &c.

The report of the doings of the Night Watch shows that the nine hundred and thirty-six persons before alluded to, were taken care of for the following reasons: One hundred and four persons for drunkenness, four hundred and eighty-five no homes, lodged

and discharged the next morning; two hundred and fifteen, waited upon home; eighteen arrested for assault and battery; four for assaulting the Watch; forty-seven entirely destitute, aided by the Watch and discharged; sixty-three disturbances suppressed; and this work has been accomplished by your day and night Police without any apparent inconvenience to the public. May they not be entitled to the thanks and confidence of all good citizens.

From the report of the City Treasurer, giving an account of all monies he has received, and all he has paid out for the year ending March the first, 1851, there appears to be, after paying all bills up to that time, a balance of six thousand six hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-nine cents in his hands. You will also find from the statement heretofore made in my remarks, that the Public Schools have required from two to three thousand dollars more than they did the previous year, in consquence of the purchase of a lot of land on William Street, and one on Elm Street, and the enlarging of the School Houses on Sixth and Maxfield streets. The Streets, Highways, Drains, &c., have also required more than they did the last year, while the amount expended for the Fire Department, Support of the Poor and Lighting the Streets, has been less than for the year ending March 1st, 1850.

Gentlemen, for the fifth time I have been, by the generous confidence of my fellow-citizens, elevated to this post of honor and responsibility. It was my wish that some other and worthier citizen might be selected to fill the office of Mayor. But I should do

injustice to my feelings if I failed to acknowledge my deep appreciation of the kindness thus manifested towards me, and to pledge myself to do all in my power to deserve it for the future. I will not ask of you your faithful co-operation, your acceptance of the office to which you have been elected, is a sufficient guarantee that it will not be witheld.

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.

1851.

MAYOR,

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND.

ALDERMEN,

WARD No. 1.—JOSEPH CLARK.
" " 2.—ISAAC M. WEST.
" " 3.—JONATHAN R. WARD.
" " 4.—MARK B. PALMER.
" " 5.—JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.
" " 6.—HENRY H. CRAPO.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, LINEAS WOOD.

WARD No. 1.

Lineas Wood, James Beetle,
Warren Ladd, James R. Bassett.

WARD No. 2.

John Bryant, Edmund Maxfield,
Francis W. Hatch, Ebenezer L. Foster.

WARD No. 3.

Wilmot Luce, Gideon T. Sawyer,
Thomas C. Allen, Squire Sanford.

WARD No. 4.

Joseph Brownell, James S. Barney,
Nathan Chase, James Munroe.

WARD No. 5.

Oliver Swain, Isaac D. Hall,
Matthew Howland, L. B. Keith.

WARD No. 6.

Amasa T. Thompson, Willard Mason,
Marshal G. Sears, William Miller.

City Clerk,
ISAAC M. RICHARDSON.

Clerk of the Common Council,
LUTHER G. HEWINS.

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
FREDERICK BRYANT.

Assessors,

WARD No. 1.—ISAAC CASE.
" " 2.—GEORGE M. BUNKER.
" " 3.—EZRA K. DELANO.
" " 4.—ISAAC M. RICHARDSON.
" " 5.—JAMES CANNON.
" " 6.—WILLIAM H. REYNARD.

Overseers of the Poor,

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Chairman *ex-officio*.

WARD No. 1.—OBED NYE.
" " 2.—CHARLES D. BURT.
" " 3.—EZRA S. KEMPTON.
" " 4.—WILLIAM A. GORDON.
" " 5.—JAMES CANNON.
" " 6.—ALANSON WILLISTON.

School Committee.

WARD No. 1.—LINEAS WOOD,
" " CALVIN STAPLES,
" " DANIEL C. BURT.

WARD No. 2.—HORATIO A. KEMPTON,
" " HENRY R. WILCOX,
" " CHARLES D. BURT.

WARD No. 3.—LUTHER G. HEWINS,
" " AMASA L. GLEASON,
" " WILLIAM G. WHITE.

WARD No. 4.—ROBERT C. PITMAN,
" " CHARLES HAFFARDS,
" " ALEXANDER H. SEABURY.

WARD No. 5.—OLIVER PRESCOT,
" " JOSHUA C. STONE,
" " WILLIAM HOWE.

WARD No. 6.—WILLIAM PENN HOWLAND.
" " HENRY T. WOOD,
" " BRADFORD G. HATHEWAY.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

On Police,

The Mayor, and Aldermen Bourne and Clark.

On Enrolled Ordinances,

Aldermen Ward, Crapo and Palmer.

On Laying Out and Widening Streets,

Aldermen Bourne, Clark and Crapo.

On Licenses,

Aldermen Clark, Bourne and West.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance,

The Mayor, and President of the Common Council; with Messrs. Howland, Luce, Brownell and Keith.

On Public Property,

Aldermen Palmer and Ward; and Messrs. Hall, Thompson and Ladd.

On Public Instruction,

Aldermen Ward and Crapo; and Messrs. Brownell, Munroe and Chase.

On Streets, Highways, &c.

The Mayor, and Alderman West; and Messrs. Chase, Sawyer and Bryant.

On Accounts,

Aldermen Crapo and Ward; and Messrs. Swain, Luce and Howland.

On the Alms House and the Poor,

Aldermen West and Palmer; and Messrs. Sanford, Miller and Bassett.

On Burial Grounds,

Aldermen Clark and Palmer; and Messrs. Beetle, Sears and Maxfield.

On Fire Department,

The Mayor, and Alderman West; and Messrs. Allen, Hatch and Mason.

On Printing,

Alderman Bourne; and Messrs. Barney and Foster.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

On Elections and Returns,

Messrs. Allen, Swain and Ladd.

On Bills in Second Reading,

Messrs. Howland, Beetle and Munroe.

On Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions,

Messrs. Hall, Barney and Miller.

1851—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 1.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1851.

NEW BEDFORD:
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REPORT.

THE Finance Committee, in compliance with the ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City, have examined and audited the accounts of the City Treasurer for the year ending March the first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and herewith present to the City Council a statement of the receipts and expenditures for that year.

This examination has been made by a Sub-Committee whose report is hereunto annexed. They have also by a similar course taken an inventory of the property of the City, a schedule of which is accompanied with a valuation.

The City Debt has been reduced from twenty-eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars, by the payment of four thousand two hundred dollars on account of the same, to twenty-four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

The accompanying tables show in detail the receipts into, and the expenditures out of the Treasury, the aggregate of which is for receipts, ninety-five thousand eight dollars, 27 cents; for expenditures, ninety-three thousand two hundred one dollars, 9 cts.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

From the Collector of Taxes for 1845,	$1 50
From the Collector of Taxes for 1846,	23 70
From the Collector of Taxes for 1847,	177 00
From the Collector of Taxes for 1848,	296 08
From the Collector of Taxes for 1849,	1,283 55
From the Collector of Taxes for 1850,	84,779 54
From the support of the Poor Department,	3,809 75
From the support of the Public Schools,	696 60
From the sale of Lots in the Oak Grove Cemetery,	354 00
From the sale of Lots in the Rural Cemetery,	186 00
From the Repairs of Highways,	90 00
From the Fire Department,	262 50
From Lighting the Streets,	13 88
From the Incidental Expense Account,	3,034 17
Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1850,	4,804 81
	$99,813 09

EXPENDITURES FROM THE TREASURY.

For the support of the Poor,	$9,508 58
For the support of Public Schools,	24,992 15
For the support of City Watch,	4,179 47
For the City Debt,	4,405 26
For the Fire Department,	7,924 43
	$54,009 89

Amount brought forward,	$51,009 89
For Lighting the Streets,	2,266 61
For the Repairs of Highways,	13,275 62
For the Oak Grove Cemetery,	513 31
For the Rural Cemetery,	151 30
For the County Tax,	7,585 18
For the Incidental Expense Account,	17,399 18
For the Amount paid on account of Temporary Loan,	1,000 00
Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1851,	6,611 99
	$99,813 08

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Per order of the Finance Committee.

ABM. H. HOWLAND, Chairman.

New Bedford, March 25, 1851.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, to examine the accounts of the City Treasurer and Clerk for the year ending 3 mo. 1st, 1851, report that they have examined said accounts and find them correct, and herewith submit the following schedule of payments with a copy of the Treasurer's Account.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW HOWLAND, } Sub
L. P. ASHMEAD. } Committee.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 25th, 1851.

Dr. FREDERICK BRYANT, Treasurer and Collector

To Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1850,		$4,804 81
To balance due on City and County Tax bill for 1849,		2,741 94
To amount of City and County Tax bills for 1850,		89,376 17
To amount received for sales from the Alms House Farm, for support of Poor from other Towns and Hospital patients,	$1,867 27	
To amount received from the Commonwealth for support of State Paupers and Militia Bounty,	1,631 38	
To amount received of Isaac F. Chase, administrator of the Estate of Mary C. Chase,	260 00	
To amount received of Commonwealth, being this City's proportion of School Fund,	616 60	
To amount received of Thomas P. Terry for rent of a lot of Land at Acushnet,	6 00	
To amount received of Timothy Ingraham for sale of old Cask,	13 88	
To amount received of Timothy Ingraham for Dog Licenses,	254 00	
To amount received from Calvin Staples for sale of 1 pair Oxen,	90 00	
To amount received from Calvin Staples for street dirt,	85 60	
To amount received from I. M. Richardson for licenses,	294 20	
To amount received from Richard Davenport, Clerk of the Market, for stall rent,	502 10	
To amount received for support of the Insane at the State Lunatic Hospital,	162 66	
To amount received, being error in Tax Book 1849,	15 92	
To amount received of Charles Grinnell for sale of Lots in Oak Grove Cemetery,	354 00	
To amount received of Charles Grinnell for sale of Lots in Rural Cemetery,	186 00	
To amount received of John B. Baylies, being Police Court fees,	1,644 13	
To amount received of Wm. H. Jenney, for sale of old Engine and Hose,	262 50	
To amount received from Thomas A. Greene, for Public Schools,	80 00	
To amount received for Taxes previously remitted,	8 16	
To amount received for seats sold July 4th, 1850,	112 50	
To amount received from Henry H. Crapo, on account of Taxes collected by him,	498 28	
To amount received from Bed. Com. Bank, temporary Loan,	30,000 00	
		135,868 10

1851.

March 1, To the above Balance, $6,611 99

in account with the City of New Bedford, Cr.

By am't. allowed for prompt payment of Taxes,		$1,361 73
By am't. of remittances for 1849,		324 30
By am't. of remittances for 1850,		950 60
By balance of uncollected Taxes for 1850, carried to new account,		2,284 30
By balance of uncollected Taxes for 1849, carried to new account,		1,134 09

By payments upon Warrants drawn by the Mayor, viz:

On account of support of the Poor,		$9,508 58	
On account of support of the Schools,		24,992 15	
On account of City Watch,		4,179 47	
On account of City Debt,		4,405 26	
On account of Fire Department,		7,924 43	
On account of Lighting the Streets,		2,266 61	
On account of repairs of Highways,		13,275 62	
On account of Oak Grove Cemetery,		513 31	
On account of Rural Cemetery,		151 30	
Temporary Loans,	31,000 00		
Interest on do	497 71		
Ordinary incidental expenses including County Tax,	24,486 65		
		55,984 36	
			123,201 09
Balance—Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1851,			6,611 99

$135,868 10

FREDERICK BRYANT, Treasurer.

New Bedford, March 1, 1851.

Statement of the balance of uncollected Taxes due March 1, 1850, for the following years—H. H. Crapo Collector, and as carried to new account March 1, 1851 :

For the year 1842,		$3 00	3 00
For the year 1844,		36 24	
Remittance,	$6 00	6 00	30 24
For the year 1845,		74 10	
Remittance,	19 50		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	1 50	21 00	53 10
For the year 1846,		176 11	
Remittance,	56 85		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	23 70	80 55	95 56
For the year 1847,		454 58	
Remittance,	62 19		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	177 00	239 19	215 39
For the year 1848,		943 28	
Remittance,	102 99		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	296 08	399 07	544 21
			$941 50

The balance of Taxes for the year 1849, uncollected, are due from the following persons, viz :

From 200 persons in California,	$427 30	
From 172 persons at sea,	603 09	
From 11 persons gone,	22 14	
From 10 persons at home,	45 50	
From 1 unsettled estate,	11 22	
From 17 non-residents,	24 84	
		1,134 09

The balance of Taxes for the year 1850, uncollected, are due from

253 persons at sea,	$874 19	
229 persons in California,	670 09	
135 persons at home,	366 40	
68 persons gone,	130 76	
11 unsettled estates and assignments,	178 17	
31 non-residents,	64 69	
		2,284 30
March 1, 1851. Whole amount of uncollected Taxes,		$4,359 89

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
City of New Bedford, March 1, 1851.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

By an examination of the foregoing account, it will be seen that the balance of uncollected Taxes for the year 1850, is less by $457.94 than of the preceding year, and as small as any for several years past, notwithstanding the new difficulties to contend with, in the California emigration the last two years, which has carried many of our Tax payers beyond the reach of the Collector, in fact many of them were in California at the time the Taxes were assessed to them for the last year.

The Taxes at "home" uncollected are somewhat less than of the last year, many of them are due from persons who are unable to pay, from poverty, at the present time, but from whom it may reasonably be hoped they will be received as soon as the business season furnishes employment. Collections from this class of Taxes are daily made, and the amount will soon be much reduced.

In closing this statement I will simply add, that the whole energy and time of the Collector has been absorbed in producing the present result, which may be considered the best pledge for the future.

I am truly,

Your obedient servant,

FREDERICK BRYANT,

Treasurer and Collector.

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

Ann M. Bonney,	$37 50
Mary Ann Crapo,	179 16
H. W. French,	175 00
Rebecca H. Thompson,	200 00
Jane Ann Severance,	200 00
Alonzo H. Harlow,	685 42
Eliza J. D. Shepherd,	275 00
Martha A. Shepherd,	112 50
Harriet N. Covell,	225 00
Anna M. Bailey,	225 00
Elizabeth P. Francis,	150 00
Clara D. Cory,	275 00
Cornelia G. Baker,	175 00
W. R. Howes,	393 75
Patience Potter,	112 50
Maria Russell,	75 00
E. Y. Allyn,	275 00
Anna L. Bourne,	300 00
Hannah B. Robinson,	210 75
Martha E. Keith,	150 00
Jane M. Gould,	150 00
Sarah H. Hewins,	150 00
Lydia G. Davenport,	225 00
Elizabeth Thomas,	215 61
Harriet N. Butler,	93 75
Mary B. Randall,	275 00
Anna M. Richmond,	225 00
Rebecca R. Lewis,	150 00
Ann M. Harlow,	150 00
Susan T. Congdon,	275 00
Avis Spooner,	200 00
Julia A. Gibbs,	37 50
Mary E. Allen,	150 00
Mary T. Congdon,	275 00
Sarah D. Ottiwell,	155 21
Helen M. Gordon,	150 00
Sarah J. Babcock,	150 00
Ebenezer Hervey,	700 00
Elizabeth C. Covington,	200 00
Rebecca G. Nye,	275 00
Clara E. Thornton,	150 00
Benjamin Evans,	700 00
Lois F. Dean,	200 00
	$9,641 65

Amount brought forward,	$9,691 65	
Anna R. Cummerford,	225 00	
Mary R. Howe,	150 00	
Lydia L. Watkins,	225 00	
E. H. Manchester,	37 50	
Jane P. King,	225 00	
Sarah E. Blake,	142 87	
Sarah C. Davenport,	200 00	
Mary G. Washburn,	150 00	
Sybil W. Collins,	300 00	
Anna B. Shockley,	275 00	
Eliza H. Tobey,	300 00	
Onslow Hemmenway,	600 00	
John F. Emerson,	1200 00	
Anna Webb,	300 00	
Catharine Webb,	200 00	
Elizabeth P. King,	199 21	
Mary E. Cranston,	105 00	
Clarissa S. Staples,	112 50	
E. H. Manchester,	46 87	
Betsey Wing,	112 50	
Elihu Norton,	375 00	
Lucy A. Manchester,	65 63	
Rebecca F. Crapo,	15 62	
Harriet E. Pitman,	75 00	
Martha K. Wilbour,	56 25	
L. L. Smith,	277 08	
Mary A. Underwood,	37 50	
M. P. White,	53 12	
A. H. Tobey,	14 58	
Susan R. Nichols,	17 30	

ADULT SCHOOLS.

H. W. French,	69 00	
J. S. Cornish,	57 00	
J. B. Scotchler,	46 00	
Mary T. Congdon,	44 00	
		16,001 18

COMMITTEE.

Thomas A. Greene,	287 50	
Luther G. Hewins,	40 00	
William Howe,	97 50	
B. G. Hatheway,	25 00	
	$450 00	
		16,001 18

Amount brought forward	$450 00	16,001 18
Charles D. Burt,	10 00	
Horatio A. Kempton,	35 00	
Charles Haffards,	35 00	
		530 00

BOOKS.

William Howe,	$490 74	
Thomas A. Greene,	11 14	
		501 88

STOVES, PIPE AND REPAIRING.

Brightman, Clapp & Co.,	$165 99	
Wm. G. Wing & Co.,	99 37	
		265 36

FUEL.

Seth Howard, Jr., charcoal,	$2 50	
H. A. Kempton, paid for charcoal,	47 00	
Abm. Russell, coal,	10 74	
Benjamin Terry, wood,	33 75	
Reynolds & Howland, charcoal,	6 90	
John H. Perry & Co.,	519 31	
F. Bryant, paid for charcoal,	9 23	
Israel S. Bishop, charcoal,	128 70	
Lemuel Gammons, charcoal,	3 84	
E. T. Dunham, charcoal,	23 55	
		785 52

LIBRARIAN.

William Howe,	$25 00

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

Jireh C. Sherman, repairing locks,	$2 00	
William Knights, furniture,	25 40	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture,	11 00	
	$38 40	
		$18,108 94

Amount brought forward,	$38 40	18,108 94
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	25 37	
Green & Wood, plan and specifications,	6 00	
Wright & Perry Brownell, masons,	54 18	
Gifford & Cook, contract,	991 15	
Franklin Jenney, contract,	817 93	
Gibbs Taber, mason,	294 62	
Lineas Wood, painting,	25 13	
Joseph Clark, repairing pump,	3 04	
William Durfee, carpenter,	6 34	
Timothy D. Cook, carpenter,	64 01	
John K. Cushing, carpenter,	117 93	
James Durfee, Jr., blacksmith,	14 25	
Taber & Co., sundries,	14 68	
Charles M. Pierce, mason,	32 78	
James D'Wolf, painter,	2 21	
Samuel S. Paine, brick and cement,	12 98	
Joseph Allen, Jr. & Co., flagging,	3 78	
Wm. Tallman, Jr., hat pins,	1 74	
Wm. Bates 2d, carpenter,	2 50	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	22 78	
Thomas P. Potter, carpenter,	7 83	
Mayhew & Spooner, setting glass,	1 50	
Wm. R. Pitman, repairing clock, &c.,	4 25	
		2,565 38

LAND.

Hannah P. Delano, Elm Street,	$742 76	
George B. Emerson, William Street,	2,000 00	
J. H. W. Page and others, Sixth Street,	482 40	
		3,225 16

CLEANING, WHITEWASHING, MAKING FIRES, SWEEPING, AND RINGING THE BELL.

Andrew B. Hayes,	$8 00	
John D. Maxfield,	9 00	
Lucy Smith,	75	
James O. Thompson,	6 00	
Alonzo H. Harlow, paid for making fires,	6 00	
Reuben T. Tasker,	7 33	
Thomas Clark,	25 79	
H. B. Robinson, paid for sweeping,	1 67	
	$64 54	
		$23,899 48

Amount brought forward,	64	54	23.899 48
Charlotte E. Carr,	4	50	
Mary Cayton,	4	00	
Ebenezer B. Cook,	2	00	
David H. Jennings,	5	00	
Thomas Weaver,	1	33	
Sarah A. Burke,	2	00	
Susan Mosher,	1	00	
Ebenezer Hervey, paid for making fires,	10	67	
Francis Jackson,	27	00	
Sarah Hodges,	3	00	
William Hathaway,	1	67	
Robert Williams,	22	50	
Levin Betts,	21	50	
John Peterson,	65	50	
Davis Cook,	4	25	
Elisha Reynolds,	9	35	
Sawyer, West & Co.,	47	96	
Sarah Hathaway,	2	00	
Priscilla Williams,	2	00	
Catharine Warren,	1	00	
Sarah H. Allen,	3	00	
Catharine Clark,	34	25	
Abby J. Burke,	1	00	
Hiram E. Hall,	2	00	
Sarah W. Blake,	2	50	
Rosetta Wood,	1	00	
Lucy A. Devol,	3	00	
William Tripp,	1	16	
Marshall T. Skiff,	4	12	
Gibbs Taber,	14	00	
John McCullen,	12	25	
John H. Brown,	15	00	
Elihu Morton, paid for making fires.	3	38	
George H. Sherman,	6	00	
			405 43

INCIDENTALS.

William Brownell, horse hire		50	
James Harper, messenger,	25	00	
E. S. Ritchie, telescope,	150	00	
J. H. Collins, sundries,		96	
Frederick Underwood, shovelling snow,	5	58	
Luther G. Hewins, sundries,	65	13	
	247	17	
			24,304 91

Amount brought forward,	247 17	24,304 91	
Isaac Hinson, sifting coal,	2 17		
T. H. Gifford, horse hire,	7 34		
Benjamin Lindsey, printing,	13 50		
Elihu Norton, circular table,	4 10		
Holder Howland, mason work,	1 50		
Eliot & Kasson, attornies,	10 00		
Marshall B. Skiff, carrying in coal	4 50		
John Peterson, " "	4 50		
Thomas A. Greene, for sundries,	8 56		
David Hathaway, carrying in coal,	1 75		
David R. Greene, rent of land,	125 00		
Simeon Hawes, carting coal to Acushnet,	4 50		
William Tallman Jr., chain pump,	9 94		
Charles C Crane & Co., Sundries	2 14		
Ebenezer Andrews, sundries for well,	46 00		
Philip T. Davis, labor on well,	55 43		
James E. Hervey, carrying in coal,	2 00		
Pleasant Street Methodist Society, use of vestry,	25 00		
Stephen Tripp, dirt,	9 25		
South Christian Church, use of vestry	29 00		
Benjamin B. Dunlap, cleaning off snow,	1 67		
James Thomas, horse hire,	3 00		
H. A. Kempton, paid for carriage hire,	7 25		
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., horse hire,	24 25		
Cordage Co., bell rope,	63		
George Tappan, sundries,	30 14		
Charles Haffards, paid for oil &c.,	6 95		
		687 24	
Balance to new account,		2,616 48	
		$27,608 63	

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$5,323 06		
By Annual Appropriation,	21,500 00		
By Amount received from the Commonwealth,	616 60		
By Amount received from the town of Fairhaven,	80 00		
By Amount received for Books,	88 97		
		27,608 63	
By Balance brought down,		$2,616 48	

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers Salaries,	$16,001 18
School Committee,	530 00
Books,	501 88
Stoves, Pipe and Repairing,	265 36
Fuel,	785 52
Librarian,	25 00
Repairs and alterations,	2,565 38
Land,	3,225 16
Cleaning, whitewashing, making fires, &c.	405 43
Incidentals,	687 24
	$24,992 15

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES.

Luther S. Chase,	$33 92	
Perry G. Macomber,	845 69	
Wm. F. Drown & Co.,	615 20	
Charles D. Burt & Co.,	244 43	
Charles Grinnell,	24 26	
Isaac D. Hall & Co.,	221 56	
S. G. Nye,	180 17	
A. H. Seabury & Co.,	95 13	
Brett & Gifford,	27 33	
Stephen Wood & Co.,	28 26	
Saleratus Factory,	12 51	
		2,328 46

FUEL.

Abraham Miller, wood,	$197 64	
John H. Perry & Co., coal,	432 09	
A. H. Seabury & Co., wood,	93 24	
	$722 97	
		$2,328 46

Amount brought forward,	$722 97	$2,328 46
Israel S. Bishop, charcoal,	17 46	
Merchants Wharf, on wood,	2 79	
David Gifford, wood,	512 65	
		1,255 87

LABOR, NURSING, &c.

Cynthia M. Pool,	$22 29	
John Blanding,	180 00	
Elbridge G. Wood,	280 86	
Almond W. Leonard,	48 00	
Harriett A. Read,	71 57	
Samuel Studley,	212 00	
Benjamin Foster,	63 39	
Ephraim Brownell,	142 40	
Patience Spooner,	26 14	
Patience Sherman,	27 00	
		1,073 65

PHYSICIANS AND MEDICINE.

Wm. A. Gordon,	$593 13	
Charles A. Clark,	15 85	
Thomas Otis,	7 63	
Warren B. Potter,	8 23	
E. Colby,	19 00	
Wm. P. S. Cadwell,	18 17	
Wm. F. Clark,	49 59	
Elisha Thornton, Jr.,	38 09	
Paul Spooner,	2 00	
S. Tompkins & Co.,	28 06	
		779 75
Overseers of the Poor,		400 00
Earl C. Briggs, Superintendent,		500 00
Benjamin K. Sayer, Chaplain,		65 00
Supplies out of the Alms House, exclusive of Fuel,		632 23

SCAVENGER CARTS.

Othniel Moulton, driver of scavenger cart,	$355 50	
John Cook, " " "	236 50	
Peleg Sowle, " " "	50 50	
		642 50
		$7,677 46

Amount brought forward,		$7,677 46

INCIDENTALS.

Earl O. Briggs, sundries,	$4 80	
L. B. Keith, shoes and leather,	39 30	
Shubael G. Edwards, services and expenses,	15 87	
Green & Wood, lumber,	65 80	
Obed Nye, dry goods, &c.,	137 47	
Geo. M. Eddy, dry goods,	90 02	
Wm. O. Brownell, oakum stock,	97 85	
Rodman & Leonard, oil,	37 08	
J. P. Lund, tinware,	11 47	
Edmund Taber & Co., dry goods,	37 43	
Charles W. Underwood, constable,	2 00	
William Howe, stationary,	1 50	
Daniel Eldridge, calking saltworks,	8 00	
James Harper, collecting bills,	2 00	
Allen & Williston, carpenters,	66 02	
Lemuel Gammons, use of horse for scavenger carts,	24 00	
Bryant & Dennison, shoes,	7 82	
John Haskins, 1 pair of oxen,	93 00	
Mary D. Conry, cleaning office,	1 00	
Samuel Leonard, spermaceti,	33	
William Wilcox, lumber,	8 69	
Amos C. Baker, oakum stock,	26 14	
William Tallman, Jr., tools &c.,	11 11	
Charles F. Brightman,	1 00	
James D'Wolf, painting,	23 36	
Gifford & Topham, force pump, registers, &c.,	160 53	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture,	10 80	
Luther Jenney, oakum stock,	26 72	
John Little, difference in exchange of horses,	165 00	
Joseph Brownell, Blacksmith,	87 97	
Lewis G. Allen, constable,	2 00	
Joshua P. Dunbar, "	2 00	
Buffington & Miller, whitewashing,	30 40	
John A. P. Allen, crockery,	6 67	
Job Sisson, Jr., blacksmith,	19 09	
H. A. Sparrow, horse hire,	19 75	
H. D. Wentworth, "	5 00	
Lineas Wood, painting,	15 21	
Gamaliel Taber, undertaker,	80 33	
C. & A. Taber, stationary,	12 15	
H. C. Kelley, & Co., dry goods,	3 75	
	$1,460 43	
		$7,677 46

Amount brought forward,	$1,460 43	$7,677 46
Pardon Gray, horse hire,	3 00	
Samuel Bliss, undertaker,	12 00	
Eliphalet Robbins, services and expenses,	24 00	
Swift & Allen, powder,	3 50	
Zenas Whittimore, soap,	43 25	
Benjamin B Covell, painter,	1 75	
Allen Durfee,	3 50	
William P. Doty, repairing cart,	25	
Simeon Brown, blacksmith,	3 00	
William Durfee, carpenter,	2 50	
Henry Childs, shoes,	8 26	
E. P. Freeman, "	9 39	
William Bates, painter,	14 41	
B. G. Wilson, undertaker,	40 50	
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., horse hire,	1 50	
Alfred Weaver, " "	1 00	
Gray, Packard & Co. "	75	
William Brownell, "	3 75	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware and tools,	30 59	
Brightman, Clapp & Co., stove pipe, &c.,	4 35	
Samuel S. Paine, lime and brick,	11 18	
G. Snow, carting	75	
Oliver Swain, shoes,	19 38	
Thomas C. Allen, hose, &c.,	50 47	
James Moores, oakum stock,	23 69	
James H. Collins, hardware,	25 00	
James Cannon, clothes pins	1 25	
Seth K. Akin, salts,	1 64	
Benjamin T. Buffington, mason.	10 70	
Mark B. Palmer, stove,	5 92	
Taber, & Co., oven door.	1 46	
William Hall, caps,	4 50	
Standard Office, printing,	3 50	
		1,831 12
Balance to new account,		3,431 70
		$12,940 28

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$1,130 53	
By Amount received from the Commonwealth,	1,596 88	
By Annual Appropriation,	8,000 00	
By Amount received for street dirt,	143 60	
By Amount received for sales from the Alms House, from other towns, and for Hospital patients,	2,069 27	
		12,940 28
By Balance brought down,		$3,431 70

RECAPITULATION.

Provisions and Groceries,	$2,328 46
Fuel,	1,255 87
Labor, Nursing, &c.,	1,073 65
Physicians and Medicine,	779 75
Overseers of the Poor,	400 00
Superintendent's Salary,	500 00
Chaplain,	65 00
Supplies out of the Alms House, exclusive of Fuel,	632 23
Drivers of Scavenger Carts,	642 50
Incidentals,	1,831 12
Amount of Expenditures,	$9,508 58

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

LABOR AND TEAM WORK.

Calvin Staples,	7,525 00	
Nathaniel Moulton,	133 91	
Lemuel Gammons,	288 61	
C. K. Turner & Co.,	36 00	
John F. Vinal.	114 74	
James L. Pierce,	121 80	
John F. Underwood,	40 00	
Edward P. Haskell,	40 25	
		8,300 31

FLAGGING, CURBING AND PAVING STONE.

Charles F. Tripp, paving,	957 10	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging,	1,493 20	
Lemuel Gammons, curbing,	1,025 64	
	$3,475 94	
		$8,300 31

Amount brought forward,	$3,475	94	$8,300 31
Maltiah Hathaway, paving	30	71	
Joseph Mosher, paving,	9	99	
Humphrey Davis, Jr.,	40	39	
S. G. Crapo, paving,	13	58	
			3,570 61

INCIDENTALS.

David M. Gifford, horse hire,	$30	75	
Joshua Potter, rent of barn,	30	00	
Ichabod Kirby, 1 pair of oxen,	110	00	
Binas Pool, hay,	47	00	
William Tallman, Jr., tools,	39	84	
Lewis Temple, blacksmith,	30	71	
Holder Howland, gravel,	38	85	
Sylvester Holmes, hay,	46	45	
Sawyer, West & Co., laying flagging &c.,	265	46	
Rodney French, repairing damage by rain,	34	87	
Haydon Coggeshall, gravel, &c.,	159	66	
E. Sampson, horse hire,	5	25	
Jacob Parker, powder, &c.,	13	62	
Rotch's Wharf, on flagging,	12	96	
Simeon Brown, blacksmith,	56	70	
Joseph Brownell, blacksmith,	20	34	
Job Sisson, blacksmith,		82	
William Wilcox, lumber for bridge,	4	84	
James Durfee, Jr., blacksmith,	5	00	
B. D. Hathaway, blacksmith,	88	00	
Samuel S. Paine, lime and brick,	37	68	
Jos. Allen, Jr., & Co., measuring flagging,	21	71	
William P. Doty, sundries,	1	01	
Taber & Co., plough points,	1	63	
Central Wharf, on flagging,	18	24	
Francis Tripp, carting flagging,	10	51	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	13	74	
Bradford S. Pierce, laying flagging, and carting sand,	60	84	
F. A. Kempton, rent of pasture, barn &c.,	26	20	
George Wilson & Co., carting flagging and gravel.	102	25	
Sullings & Kingman, tools,	2	00	
Maxfield & Tripp, straight edge,		50	
Isaac Brownell, meal,	30	38	
Squire Gifford, carting flagging, &c.,	36	89	
			1,404 70
Balance to new account,			448 23
			$13,723 85

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$133 85	
Annual Appropriation,	10,000 00	
By Transfer from Incidental expenses,	2,500 00	
By Transfer from lighting the streets,	1,000 00	
By amount received for 1 pair of oxen,	90 00	
		13,723 85
By Balance brought down,		$448 23

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and team work,	$8,300 31
Flagging, curbing and paving stone,	3,570 61
Incidentals,	1,404 70
Amount of Expenditures,	$13,275 62

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ENGINE MEN.

Members of Engine Company No. 2	$134 98	
" " " " 4	247 82	
" " " " 5	878 47	
" " " " 6	879 26	
" " " " 7	725 62	
" " " " 9	681 25	
" " " " 10	747 50	
" " " " 11	748 64	
" of the Hook and Ladder Company,	431 90	
" of the Protecting Society,	61 50	
Foard of Firewards,	160 00	
		5,696 94

Amount brought forward,		$5,696 94

REPAIRS ON ENGINES AND HOSE.

William R. Palmer,	$2 00	
William Gifford,	5 42	
Mayhew & Spooner,	6 86	
Ezra K. Delano,	76 84	
Joseph Hammond,	57 85	
Gifford & Topham,	39 36	
Gray & Barker,	70 31	
Doty & Cory,	29 50	
Edward A. Jenney,	21 70	
Thomas C. Allen,	46 73	
James M. Tripp,	48 45	
Joseph Brownell,	69 04	
Benjamin B. Covell,	60 06	
H. P. Willis & Son,	3 40	
Zenas Whittemore,	6 75	
Hathaway & Arnold,	1 68	
James D'Wolf,	1 70	
William H. Jenney, sundry bills &c., for repairs,	119 03	
Henry Russell & Co.,	45 00	
Almy & Bumpus,	3 50	
James Durfee, Jr.,	21 82	
		$737 00

RESERVOIRS.

J. & T. R. Taber, use of pumps &c.,	$14 00	
Sawyer, West & Co., masons,	7 88	
Frederick Underwood, mason,	353 15	
Lemuel Gammons, curbing,	140 00	
Calvin Staples, labor,	200 00	
L. G. Hewins, oil for lantern,	2 43	
John F. Underwood, carting,	53 67	
James Durfee, Jr., ironwork,	19 00	
A. Gammons & Co., carting,	3 19	
Samuel S. Paine, lime and brick,	271 52	
George Wilson & Co., carting,	1 00	
		1,065 84
		$7,499 78

Amount brought forward,		$7,499 78

INCIDENTALS.

Joshua P. Dunbar, refreshments,	$25 00	
David Dwelley, refreshments,	4 00	
I. M. Richardson, clerk of the Fire Department.	30 00	
George W. Sherman, watching at fires,	8 00	
Philip T. Davis, filling in around Engine house,	3 50	
Stephen Merrihew, pipe holder for No. 7,	4 50	
Abner Lawton, watching at fires,	1 50	
Squire Gifford, repairing wagon broken by Engine,	11 20	
Philip Cowen, ringing bell,	4 00	
Isaac W. Sherman, ringing bell,	6 00	
Benjamin O. Sutton, ringing bell,	6 00	
Wm. H. Manchester, ringing bell,	6 00	
Ellis Mendall, oil,	33 64	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, ringing bell,	4 34	
N. H. Nye, repairing flags,	25 50	
Jos. Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging	108 80	
Israel S. Bishop, charcoal,	5 40	
John Matthews, labor on flag staffs,	28 28	
Martin Wheeler, moving Engine house No. 10,	47 00	
N. Moulton, carting,	2 42	
Swift & Allen, ensign for No. 5,	26 65	
Nathan Lewis, trumpets,	8 00	
Brightman, Clapp & Co., stove pipe, &c.,	10 65	
N. B. Cordage Company,	9 64	
George Wilson & Co., carting engine,	4 63	
		424 65
Balance to new account,		527 28
		$8,451 71

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$189 21	
By Annual Appropriation,	8,000 00	
By Amount received for Engine, &c.,	262 50	
		8,451 71
B2 balance brought down,		$527 28

RECAPITULATION.

Amount paid men,	$5,696 94
Repairs on Engines and Hose,	737 00
Reservoirs,	1,065 84
Incidentals,	424 65
Amount of expenditures,	$7,924 43

LIGHTING THE STREETS.

LABOR LIGHTING LAMPS.

Henry Only,	$138 00	
Isaac Hinson,	138 00	
Lewis Douglas,	138 00	
James Butler,	138 00	
John Peterson, lighting lamps and extra services on do.,	159 60	
John A. Williams,	138 00	
Wm. H. Nye,	3 50	
Samuel Bryant,	3 75	
		856 85

OIL.

Samuel Leonard,	$1,022 46	
Edw. M. Robinson,	178 04	
		1,200 50
		$2,057 35

Amount brought forward,		$2,057 35

INCIDENTALS.

Wm. F. Dow, wicking	$3 55	
John S. D'Orsay, painting lamp posts,	4 11	
George Clasby, coopering oil,	3 00	
Timothy D. Cook, lamp posts, &c.	63 14	
Lineas Wood, painting lamp posts, &c.	79 25	
Brightman, Clapp & Co., repairing lanterns,	12 67	
Wm. G. Wing & Co., new lanterns,	43 54	
		209 26
Transfer to repairs of Highways,		1,000 00
Balance to new account,		1,587 69
		$4,854 30

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$2,040 42	
By Annual Appropriation,	2,800 00	
By amount received for old casks,	13 88	
		4,854 30
By Balance brought down,		$1,587 69

RECAPITULATION.

Labor lighting lamps,	$856 85
Oil,	1,200 50
Incidental,	209 26
Amount of expenditures,	$2,266 61

CITY WATCH.

Joseph Hammond,	$450 00	
Ichabod Coggeshall,	336 00	
William Duffy,	336 00	
Warren Tripp,	336 00	
James M. Sampson,	336 00	
Daniel P. Lewis,	336 00	
Sidney Kelley,	336 00	
John C. Hervey,	333 20	
George Taber,	336 00	
Daniel Murphy,	336 00	
Edward P. Spooner,	168 00	
Lot Howes,	168 00	
John Healey,	62 51	
Lilley Kelley, Jr.,	62 51	
Lewis S. Jennings,	62 51	
John Terry,	61 58	
John H. Young,	61 58	
Jethro Studley,	61 58	
		4,179 47
Balance to new account,		44 51
		$4,223 98

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$413 98	
By Annual Appropriation,	3,810 00	
		4,223 98
By Balance brought down,		$44 51

OAK GROVE CEMETERY.

Calvin Staples, paving stone and labor,	$249 15	
John M. Cornell, labor and team work,	32 93	
Charles Grinnell, paid for labor, trees, &c., &c.,	231 23	
		513 31
Balance to new account,		1,793 80
		$2,307 11

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$1,953 11	
By amount received for lots,	354 00	
		2,307 11
By Balance brought down,		$1,793 80

RURAL CEMETERY.

Balance old account,	$5,699 96	
Charles Grinnell, paid for labor, trees, &c.	151 30	
		5,851 26

CREDITS.

By amount received for lots,	$186 00	
By Balance to new account,	5,665 26	
		5,851 26
To balance brought down,		$5,665 26

CITY DEBT.

Amount paid interest and 5 per cent of principal,	$4,405 26	
Balance to new account,	250 02	
		4,655 28

CREDITS.

Balance old account,	$155 28	
By Annual Appropriation,	4,500 00	
		4,655 28
By Balance brought down,		$250 02

INCIDENTAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

SALARIES.

Abraham H. Howland, Mayor,	$800 00	
Frederick Bryant, Treasurer and Collector,	1,000 00	
Isaac M. Richardson, City Clerk,	600 00	
Luther G. Hewins, Clerk of Common Council,	200 00	
Timothy Ingraham, Marshal and Dog Register,	575 00	
Shubael G. Edwards, Assistant Marshal and sealer of Coal Baskets,	225 00	
Calvin Staples, Superintendent of Streets,	500 00	
Richard Davenport, Clerk of the Market,	150 00	
Charles Grinnell, Superintendent of Burial Grounds, 18 months,	150 00	
James Harper, City Messenger,	300 00	
John B. Baylies, Clerk of Police Court,	400 00	
Oliver Prescot, Judge of Police Court,	1,000 00	
Wm. H. Manchester, ringing city bell,	100 00	
		6,000 00

FOURTH OF JULY.

Rail Road, passages of military and music,	$104 00	
Silas Cook, watching fireworks,	5 00	
Thomas Williams, trimming lanterns for music stands,	2 75	
O. Swain, expenses of revolutioners,	2 25	
S. B. Robbins, colation,	30 00	
H. P. Willis, use of Marshals equipments,	27 25	
Sanford S. Horton, dinners,	191 99	
Alexander Gormley, services,	1 50	
Jacob Parker, powder,	28 02	
Ammi N. Howard, music,	35 00	
J. & J. G. Edge, fireworks,	400 00	
East Stoughton Brass Band,	228 00	
N. B. Brass Band,	205 70	
Benj. L. Brownell, assistance firing salute,	3 00	
	$1,264 46	
		$6,000 00

Amount brought forward,	$1,264 46	$6,000 00
Taber & Tobey, batons,	$2 00	
Thomas Mosher, assistance ffring salute,	3 00	
Jos. S. Bourne, " " "	3 00	
Geo. W. L. Dunham, " " " and making bags,	7 50	
Isaac S. Kempton, " " "	3 00	
Alden Braley, " " "	3 00	
Charles D. Tuel, " " "	3 00	
Chas. F. Mendall, " " "	3 00	
Czar Payne, " " "	3 00	
James Thomas, carriages and saddle horses,	61 75	
Stephen Y. Denham, ringing bell,	1 00	
Walter Handy, ringing bell,	1 00	
Wm. H. Manchester, ringing bell and cleaning church,	6 00	
John Matthews, raising flag staffs,	3 50	
Charles Reynolds, ringing bell,	1 00	
E. P. Crowell, " "	1 50	
Pardon Gray, saddle horses,	11 00	
John A. Gifford, assistance firing salute,	5 00	
Independent Fusileers,	110 00	
George Wilson & Co., carting fireworks and guns,	4 25	
Timothy Ingraham, use of equipments and hostler,	11 00	
H. C. Kelley & Co., cartridges,	5 50	
Francis Whitton, oakum,	3 28	
Nathaniel G. Booth, ringing bell,	2 00	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, " "	1 50	
Gifford Taber, stock and labor,	23 51	
Edward A. Jenney, ringing bell,	1 50	
Wm. F. Dow, sundries paid out,	30 75	
Ichabod Coggeshall, policeman,	3 00	
George Taber, "	3 00	
Edward P. Spooner, "	3 00	
Daniel P. Lewis, "	3 00	
Daniel Murphy, "	3 00	
James M. Sampson, "	3 00	
Warren Tripp, "	3 00	
William Duffy, "	3 00	
John C. Hervey, "	3 00	
A. B. Grinnell, "	3 00	
Sidney Kelley, "	3 00	
Sullings & Kingman, wire,	1 33	
William Hall, expenses after military,	5 15	
		1,619 48
		$7,619 48

Amount brought forward,		$7,619 48

OBSEQUIES OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

H. L. Bosworth, policeman,	$3 00	
James S. White, "	3 00	
Eleven policemen,	33 00	
Lot Howes, policeman, horse hire, &c. &c.	12 50	
Horses for engine companies,	32 00	
George W. Perry, policeman,	3 00	
Rail Road passages of military and music,	460 00	
Christian Dantizen, tolling bell,	2 00	
S. Y. Dunham, tolling bell,	2 00	
James D. Thompson, sundries paid out,	87 87	
Jacob Parker, powder,	61 33	
A. N. Howard, choir,	25 00	
N. G. Booth, tolling bell,	2 00	
Wm. A. Weeden, policeman,	3 00	
Boston Brass Band,	100 00	
Sandwich Observer, notice,	1 00	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, services trimming church, &c.,	14 84	
Willard Sears, use of hall,	2 00	
S. B. Robbins, dinners and colation,	235 00	
Suffolk Brass Band,	90 00	
Sihon Packard, dinners for music,	99 50	
American Brass Band,	86 00	
John H. Kelley, services rendered,	1 62	
E. P. Crowell, tolling bell,	1 50	
John K. Cushing, carpenter,	4 00	
A. B. Grinnell, policeman,	2 00	
Freeman Dexter & Co., labor decorating church and city hall,	5 25	
Nathaniel Moulton, music for cavalry,	25 00	
Wm. H. Manchester, tolling bell, stone church and Liberty hall,	4 00	
Nathan Chase, mourning goods,	104 49	
Joseph W. Given, policeman,	3 00	
James Read, hostler,	1 50	
James Thomas, carriages,	16 50	
H. P. Willis & Son, cleaning equipments,	3 75	
Pardon Gray, saddle horse,	5 00	
Joshua Gibbs 3d, carriages,	8 00	
William Brownell, horse hire,	1 50	
Jonathan Bourne, Jr., sundries paid out,	50 95	
		1,596 10
		$9,215 58

Amount brought forward,		$9,215 58

CONSTABLES.

Eliphalet Robbins,	$137 17	
Lewis G. Allen,	131 17	
Charles W. Underwood,	136 17	
Joshua P. Dunbar,	126 17	
George W. Sherman,	129 17	
Shubael G. Edwards,	7 00	
A. B. Grinnell,	8 00	
Elisha Gibbs, special constable,	2 00	
		676 85

PRINTING.

Benjamin Lindsey,	$773 96	
Standard Office,	145 75	
		919 71

ELECTIONS.

Pacific Church,	$50 00	
Methodist Society,	50 00	
South Christian Church,	20 00	
Inspectors of Elections,	160 00	
Ward Clerks,	90 00	
Bassett's Hall,	25 00	
		395 00

SUPPORT OF THE INSANE.

N. Cutter,	$143 83	
Lunatic Asylum,	642 32	
		786 15

INCIDENTALS.

Frederick Underwood, shovelling snow,	$3 49	
S. A. Tripp & Co., sundries,	5 48	
Police Court, costs,	28 34	
William Howe, stationary,	5 98	
	$43 29	
		$11,993 29

Amount brought forward,	$43	29	11,993 29
A. A. Greene, survey on shed,	2	00	
H. N. Kimball, carting voters lists,	2	00	
Luther G. Hewins, mats for Aldermen's room,	12	50	
Wm. Ottiwell, returning deaths,	6	24	
J. & T. R. Taber, repairing pump,	5	42	
Amos Bates, winding and repairing clock,	45	00	
Zenas Whittemore, repairing ladder,	1	50	
James Tilton, taking down flag staff,	2	00	
B. Gifford, carpenter,	1	94	
I. M. Richardson, registrar for 1848, '49,	204	65	
George Baylies, services on voting lists,	2	00	
Edward P. Spooner, extra watching,		50	
A. D. Richmond & Co., stock and labor, water closet,	219	22	
Daniel P. Lewis, extra watching,		50	
Thomas E. Jennings, damage on account small pox,	6	00	
Frederick Bryant, sundries paid out,	9	55	
John Stephens, small pox nurse,	9	75	
Moses H. Bliss, stock and labor, water closet,	158	19	
John Bryant, censor,	70	00	
Richard Johnson 2d, cleaning,	35	42	
Sarah W. Read, land for pound,	420	00	
H. G. O. Colby, professional services,	15	00	
Gamaliel Taber, undertaker and returning deaths,	20	40	
Eliot, Pitman & Kasson, solicitors,	373	00	
John S. D'Orsay, painting for police,	4	00	
N. B. Steam Planing Mill, blinds for Council Chamber,	48	00	
Weston Howland, ensign,	40	75	
Isaac Case, horse hire for Assessors,	10	50	
Board of Assessors,	1,094	35	
Elisha Bourne, paid for cleaning nuisance,	1	00	
Samuel Bliss, returning deaths,	3	36	
Timothy Ingraham, expenses firing salute,	98	12	
James G. Howland, sawdust,	2	00	
Calvin Staples, fence around pound,	60	75	
Sawyer, West & Co., masonwork, city hall,	41	68	
Wm. Tallman, Jr., lock for pound,	1	33	
I. M. Richardson, sundries paid out,	20	24	
Frederick Underwood, masonwork, watch house,	9	00	
John H. Perry & Co., coal,	59	91	
	3,161	06	
			$11,993 29

Amount brought forward,	$3,161	06	11,993 29
A. D. Richmond & Co., sundries,	$23	99	
Israel S. Bishop, charcoal,	4	50	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture for police room,	50	11	
James Thomas, carriage hire,	13	25	
Philip B. Lake, posting notices,	11	25	
William Knights, sundries,	9	50	
George Lee, cleaning Police Court room,	17	65	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	5	45	
Jireh L. Ferguson, stock and labor, old market,	218	75	
Joshua Gibbs 3d, horse hire, Assessors,	10	00	
Ezra K. Delano, police staffs,	6	25	
H. Russell & Co., setting glass, Washing-hall,	2	25	
Wm. F. Dow, sundries,	1	56	
Timothy Ingraham, two revolvers,	18	00	
Lemuel Gammons, stone for drain on Pleasant street,	60	00	
Town of Dartmouth, pro. County Tax,	127	38	
Sawyer, West & Co., whitewashing pound, &c.,	5	65	
Joseph Hammond, sundries for watch-house,	5	75	
Gray & Barker, watch rattles,	20	00	
Oman & Boone, pumps,	28	34	
Rail Road, wood for police office,	8	25	
James Harper, sundries paid out,	4	06	
Shubael G. Edwards, extra watch,	6	00	
Dean & Driggs, ironwork on pump,	4	12	
Mark B. Palmer, sundries for old market, &c.	15	91	
Butts & Smith, ironwork for old market,	58	73	
Joseph Clark, police staffs,	8	62	
George Tappan, sundries,	6	00	
Joseph Brownell, blacksmith,	6	89	
Job Sisson, Jr., fitting lock to safe,	6	50	
Moses H. Bliss, book case for Assessors, &c. &c.	15	27	
John F. Vinal, carpenter,		87	
C. & A. Taber, books and stationary,	135	11	
Eliphalet Robbins, extra watch,	4	00	
James Thomas, horse hire,	3	75	
Swift & Allen, ensign,	14	00	
Wm. G. Wing & Co., ventilator, use of stove, &c.,	28	06	
Lineas Wood, painting market, offices, &c.	115	54	
	$4,242	37	
			$11,993 29

Amount brought forward,	$4,242 37	11,993 29
William Bates, painting police court room,	$18 58	
Timothy Ingraham, sundry expenses as dog register, cleaning snow from side walks, &c.	196 02	
Brightman, Clapp & Co., stove pipe, &c.	25 96	
Edw. W. Howland, expenses of sewer committee,	12 25	
Wm. G. Wing & Co., bunting for flags, small pox,	4 00	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, taking care of muskets one year,	55 00	
William Maxfield, painting sign,	1 26	
Philip T. Davis, land for pound at Acushnet,	42 00	
Joshua Gibbs 3d, carriage hire for City Council,	17 00	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., sundries,	7 92	
J. F. Dearborn, professional services,	10 00	
Bradford S. Pierce, mason work, police office,	1 00	
Charles Grinnell, trees for old burial ground,	12 00	
Benjamin G. Wilson, undertaker and returning deaths,	10 50	
Eliphalet Robbins, small pox nurse,	28 00	
E. T. Dunham, charcoal,	4 50	
House of Correction, stone bounds for streets,	11 00	
Wm. S. Cobb, boarding officer for two years and boat hire,	82 50	
Interest on temporary loan, Savings Bank,	278 33	
Interest on temporary loan, B. C. Bank,	339 38	
		5,399 57
Savings Bank on account temporary loan,		1,000 00
Temporary loan B. C. Bank,		30,000 00
County Tax,		7,585 18
Taxes remitted,		1,528 75
Abatement for prompt pay of Taxes,		1,361 73
Transfer to repairs of Highways,		2,500 00
		$61,368 52
Balance to new account,		5,889 43
		$67,257 95

CREDITS.

By Balance old account,	$3,546 58
" Annual Appropriation,	27,200 00
" Temporary Loan, B. C. Bank,	30,000 00
	$60,746 58

Amount brought forward,	$60,746 68	
By Amt. rec'd. of Thomas P. Terry, for rent of land,	6 00	
" amt. rec'd. for dog licenses,	2 54	
" " " for theatrical and other licenses,	294 20	
" " " for stall rent,	502 10	
" " " for support of the insane,	162 66	
" " " for error in Taxes 1849,	15 92	
" " " for Taxes previously remitted,	8 16	
" " " from Clerk of Police Court,	1,644 13	
" " " for seats, 4th of July,	112 50	
" " " for overlay on assessment of Taxes,	3,477 20	
" " " from the Commonwealth for military bounty,	34 50	
		67,257 95
By balance brought down,		$5,889 43

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries,	$6,000 00
Fourth of July,	1,619 48
Obsequies of the late President of the United States,	1,596 10
Constables,	676 85
Printing,	917 71
Elections,	395 00
Support of the Insane,	786 15
Incidentals,	5,399 57
Amount of expenditures,	$17,390 86

Expenses of the Police Court included in the above,	$1,428 34

DEBIT BALANCE.

Collector for 1842	$3 00
" " 1844	30 24
" " 1845	53 10
" " 1846	95 56
" " 1847	215 39
" " 1848	544 21
" " 1849	1,134 09
" " 1850	2,284 30
Rural Cemetery,	5,665 26
City Treasurer,	6,611 99
	$16,637 14

CREDIT BALANCES.

Oak Grove Cemetery,	$1,793 80
City Debt,	250 02
Alien Passengers,	48 00
Fire Department,	527 26
City Watch,	44 51
Incidental Expense account,	5,889 43
Repairs of Highways,	448 23
Public Schools,	2,616 48
Lighting Streets,	1,587 69
Support of the Poor,	3,431 70
	$16,637 14

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 25, 1851.

The Sub-Committee appointed to take an inventory of the City Property, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to Report:

The amount of City Property has not, in their opinion, materially changed in valuation the past year. There has been, however, a few additions and alterations made, which have been noticed, and the same placed under their appropriate heads in the Schedule annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

LINEAS WOOD, } Sub
MARK B. PALMER. } Committee.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c.

City Hall and Lot containing 102 rods of land,	$71,500 00	
Old Town Hall and about 39 rods of land,	8,000 00	
19 68-100 rods of land on William street,	2,952 00	
About 2 acres of land at Clark's Point,	200 00	
Powder Magazine and Lot,	681 00	
12 rods of land on Dartmouth road,	120 00	
South Pound and 20 rods of land,	500 00	
12 rods of land on Willis street,	420 00	
City Lot on Purchase Street, containing 659 20-100 rods of land, Streets thrown out,	20,600 00	
		104,973 00
Standard Weights and Measures,	275 00	
Surveying Instrument,	200 00	
		475 00
		$105,448 00

Amount brought forward,		$105,448 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

School House and 32 rods of land at Perry's Neck,	$250 00	
School House and 13 210-1000 rods of land on Griffin Street,	700 00	
School House and 80 rods of land at Acushnet Village,	1,300 00	
Hill School House and 41 1-2 rods of land,	2,630 00	
High School House and 60 rods of land on Middle Street,	14,924 50	
Grove School House and 109 rods of land on South Water Street,	3,780 00	
School House and 39 rods of land on Sixth Street,	3,882 40	
Two School Houses and about 44 rods of land on Bush Street,	8,400 00	
School House and about 31 rods of land on Maxfield Street,	3,850 00	
Two School Houses and 55 3-4 rods of land on corner of Charles and Foster Streets,	8,000 00	
North School House and Lot on the Tobey Road,	100 00	
School House and Lot at Haskins' corner,	250 00	
School House and Lot at Clark's Point,	784 36	
Cannonville School House and 40 rods of land,	300 00	
Lot of Land adjoining High School House, say	2,742 76	
26 rods of Land on William Street,	2,000 00	
School House on Market Street,	500 00	
School Library, 2,500 volumes,	850 00	
Maps, Globes and Philosophical Apparatus,	1,000 00	
		56,244 02

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine House and 3 rods of Land on Middle Street,	$1,455 55	
Engine House and 4 rods of land on Foster Street,	825 00	
Engine and Watch House and 14 3-4 rods of land on Purchase Street,	8,500 00	
	$10,780 55	
		$161,692 02

Amount brought forward,	$10,780 55	161,692 02
Engine House and about 4 rods of land on North Second Street,	1,150 00	
Engine House and about 4 rods of land on Third Street,	750 00	
Engine House and about 4 rods of land on Fourth Street,	1,325 00	
Engine House at Acushnet Village,	397 00	
	$14,402 55	

ENGINE AND APPARATUS.

No. 2	$600 00	
" 3	1,000 00	
" 5	1,000 00	
" 6	1,000 00	
" 7	1,000 00	
" 9	1,000 00	
" 10	1,000 00	
" 11	1,000 00	
Hooks and Ladders and Carriages,	300 00	
	7,900 00	
29 Reservoirs,	10,500 00	
		32,802 55
Oak Grove Cemetery,		975 00
Rural Cemetery,		2,677 00

ALMS HOUSE DEPARTMENT.

New Alms House and other buildings,	$22,212 00	
Old Barn,	600 00	
Old Alms House,	400 00	
Small Pox Hospital,	100 00	
Farm containing 76 acres 86 rods of land,	10,000 00	
	$33,312 00	
Live Stock,	833 00	
Farming Utensils,	617 39	
Hay and Grain on hand,	400 00	
Household Furniture, &c.,	1,619 21	
900 bushels Salt,	243 00	
		37,024 60
Amount of City Property,		$235,171 17

CITY DEBT.

Date.	To whom payable.	Original Amount.	Time.	Rate of Interest.	Annual Paym't.	Balance due.
1833.						
April 15.	Provident Institution for Savings, Boston.	21,500 00	20 yrs.	5 per ct.	1,075 00	3,225 00
1836.						
May 16.	" " "	10,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per ct.	500 00	3,000 00
July 1.	" " "	6,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per ct.	300 00	2,100 00
1839.						
May 3.	Savings Institution, New Bedford.	10,000 00	20 yrs*	5½ per ct.	500 00	4,500 00
May 3.	Pacific Insurance Company.	6,500 00	20 yrs*	5½ per ct.	325 00	2,925 00
May 29.	Savings Institution, New Bedford.	10,000 00	20 yrs*	5½ per ct.	500 00	4,500 00
	Balance of Permanent Loan, ...					$20,250 00
1850.	Balance of Permanent Loan, as above,					$20,250 00
April 2.	Savings Institution, New Bedford, 12 months,					4,000 00
	Total amount of City Debt,					$24,250 00

*Interest payable semi-annually.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 31, 1851.

Read and accepted: I. M. RICHARDSON, City Clerk.

SENT DOWN FOR CONCURRENCE.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 31, 1851.

Read and accepted in concurrence:

LUTHER G. HEWINS, Clerk.

1851—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 2.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1851.

NEW BEDFORD:
BENJAMIN LINDSEY, CITY PRINTER.
1851.

REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present the following Report:

The total amount of expenditure for the support of Poor during the past year, is $9,508 58

At the Alms House:

For Flour and Corn,	$821 46
Provisions and Groceries,	1,281 41
Dry Goods, Clothing, &c.,	359 06
Hardware, Furniture, &c.,	226 78
Lumber and repairs,	415 74
Oakum stock,	183 51
Oil,	38 71
Stock,	97 50
Blacksmithing,	83 84
Powder,	3 50
Hose,	44 12
Books, (school,)	3 92
Wood,	111 63
Coal, (anthracite)	201 60
	$3,872 78

Amount brought forward,	$3,872 78	
Charcoal,	$17 46	
Medicines,	105 20	
Physicians,	407 75	
Male nurse,	204 00	
Female nurse,	152 29	
Farmer,	180 00	
Hired man, (3 mos.)	47 39	
Small pox nurse,	93 00	
Cook,	190 40	
Domestic in keeper's family,	71 57	
Salt maker,	119 00	
Clergyman,	65 00	
Superintendent,	500 00	
		6,025 84

Out door relief:

Wood,	$727 90	
Coal,	230 49	
Provisions, &c.,	485 26	
Allowances for support of sick and infirm,	109 36	
Druggists bills,	48 34	
Physicians' bills,	198 37	
Small pox expenses,	41 00	
Funeral expenses,	128 41	
		1,968 13

Incidental:

Transportation of Poor,	$85 15	
Horse hire,	18 26	
Constables' fees,	12 87	
Books and stationery,	9 72	
Printing,	3 50	
Office expenses,	3 00	
Office sign and repairs,	3 50	
Overseers' salaries,	400 00	
		536 00

Scavenger Carts:

Labor,	585 50	
Difference in exchange of horses and horse-hire,	189 00	
	$774 50	
		$8,529 97

Amount brought forward,	$774 50	8,529 97
Grain bills,	$166 73	
Blacksmiths' bills,	26 47	
Repairing harnesses,	6 35	
Repairing carts,	3 56	
		977 61
Amount expended as above,		9,508 58
Balance of account,		3,431 70
		$12,940 28

The receipts have been :

Balance of account March 1, 1850,	$1,130 53	
Appropriation,	8,000 00	
State Pauper account to Nov. 1, 1849,	1,596 88	
Sales of produce, salt and oakum,	747 96	
Support of poor of other towns, and board of Hospital patients,	1,061 31	
Sales of street dirt,	143 60	
From Mr. Chase's estate,	260 00	
		12,940 28

The following are the principal productions of the Farm :

300 bushels potatoes,	at 50c.	$150 00
226 bushels oats,	at 42c.	94 92
16 1-2 bushels beans,	at $2.25	37 12
40 bushels beets,	at 33c.	13 20
46 bushels carrots,	at 25c.	11 50
22 bushels onions,	at 40c.	8 80
400 bushels corn,	at 75c.	300 00
6189 lbs. pork,	at 6 1-2c.	412 28
4343 lbs. beef,	at 6c.	260 58
342 lbs. veal,	at 6c.	20 52
78 lbs. veal sold,		5 13
Calfskins.		6 90
1200 ears of corn (sweet)	1-2c.	6 00
10476 quarts milk,	4c.	419 04
50 tons hay,	$12.	600 00
		$2,345 99

The Farm is charged with:

Farmer's wages,	$180 00	
Hired man's wages,	47 39	
Stock purchased,	98 00	
Corn, 270 bushels,	179 00	
Farming tools, &c.,	67 59	
Blacksmithing,	80 09	
Value of stock, wagons, &c., March 1, 1850,	1,533 00	
		2,185 07

It is credited with:

The value of produce consumed by the family,	$1,261 83	
Value of produce sold,	86 41	
Value of stock, March 1, 1851,	665 00	
Value of wagons and farming tools,	700 00	
	$2,713 24	

The work shop is charged with:

2000 lbs. of oakum on hand, March, 1, 1850,	$150 00
225 lbs. of oakum stock, " "	8 44
Oakum stock purchased during the year,	153 51
Lumber, Nails, &c.,	45 74
Leather, &c.,	7 37
Stove and pipe,	6 22
	$371 28

It is credited with:

Oakum sold,	404 81
50 lbs. of oakum on hand,	4 25
400 lbs. junk,	16 00
Shoes made and repaired,	15 00
	$440 06

The Salt works are charged with :

The Salt-maker's wages,	$119 00	
His board 7 months,	25 00	
Repairs,	20 17	
Salt on hand March 1, 1350,	222 75	
		386 92

It is credited with :

862 3-4 bushels salt sold,	$277 39	
1000 bushels salt on hand,	330 00	
		607 39

The number of inmates of the Alms House on the first day of March, 1850, was 103

Admitted during March,	18,	discharged	29,	died	0,	remaining	92
" " April,	10	"	19	"	1	"	82
" " May,	14	"	22	"	1	"	73
" " June,	19	"	17	"	1	"	74
" " July,	14	"	28	"	2	"	58
" " Aug.	25	"	18	"	3	"	62
" " Sept.	21	"	13	"	1	"	69
" " Oct.	26	"	14	"	1	"	80
" " Nov.	20	"	23	"	2	"	75
" " Dec.	26	"	12	"	1	"	88
" " Jan.	13	"	13	"	1	"	87
" " Feb.	21	"	13	"	2	"	
	227		221		16		

Of the 227 admitted during the year, 129 were on account of disease. The number of deaths during the year is 16.

By Consumption,	9
By Inflammation of Lungs,	1
By " of Bowels,	1
By " of Brain,	1
By Chronic Diarrhæ,	1
By Fever,	1
By effects of dissipation,	2

The average number in the Alms House per month, is 78 7-12

Number of weeks lived in the House by the inmates, is	4.096
Number of weeks lived in the House by officers of the house,	.430
	4.526

The *cash expense* of the maintainance of the family during the current year, including superintendence, nursing, medical bills, &c., is $4,179 56. This amount being divided by the number of weeks, 4526, gives 92 cents as the weekly cost of the support of a single individual. The cost of supplying provisions, clothing, &c., exclusive of the amount received from the Farm, is 60 cents per week for each individual. Including the farm produce, it is 88 cents.

There have been 645 cases in which relief has been granted during the year out of the Alms House.

Families relieved,	245
Incidentals,	846

The Board recommend the appropriation of $7,000 for the expenses of the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

OBED NYE,
CHARLES D. BURT,
ELIJAH COLBY,
WM. A. GORDON,
WM. C. TABER,
ALANSON WILLISTON.
Overseers of the Poor.

1851—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 3.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF FIREWARDS,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1851.

NEW BEDFORD:
BENJAMIN LINDSEY, CITY PRINTER.
1851.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

The Board of Firewards herewith present their estimate of the sum which they believe will be required for the Fire Department the ensuing year.

For the pay of Firemen,	$6,000 00
For new Reservoirs,	2,000 00
For Repairs and Incidental Expenses,	1,500 00

By the order of the City Council, the Board has disposed of Engines No. 1 and No. 4, and manned No. 3, which is located for the present on North Second Street.

It is deemed expedient that new Reservoirs be constructed the coming year, to be located at such points as our successors may direct.

The Companies for the several Engines were promptly filled at the commencement of the year, and have remained filled to the present time.

The Firemen have been very prompt and efficient, having been called out forty-seven times during the year, twenty of which were false alarms.

WM H. JENNEY,

Chairman Board of Firewards.

City of New Bedford, March 18, 1851.

In Board of Aldermen,
March 31, 1851.

Read and accepted.

ISAAC M. RICHARDSON, City Clerk.

Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council,
March 31, 1851.

Read and accepted in concurrence.

LUTHER G. HEWINS, Clerk.

1851—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 4.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

FOR THE YEAR

1850-'51.

NEW BEDFORD:
BENJAMIN LINDSEY, CITY PRINTER.
1851.

REPORT.

The Municipal year 1850–'51 is drawing near to its close. The School Committee is reminded that another annual report will soon be expected at their hands, and they accordingly proceed to give, with some detail, an account of their services, and of the condition of the department entrusted to their charge, for the year ending with March, 1851.

OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

To the school property some additions have been made, and others are in progress, since our report of last year. Soon after the organization of the present Board, application was made to the City Council for an appropriation to enable them to make certain improvements which had been suggested in that report, and which, as they thought, were much needed. After due examination and consultation, an appropriation of eight thousand dollars was made for these purposes as requested, but not in time to carry them all

into effect during that season. The school houses on Sixth and Maxfeld Streets have, however, been enlarged by an addition of 33 feet to the length of each, thus affording a more commodious school room on each floor of these houses, and *two* convenient class-rooms on each floor instead of a very contracted and inconvenient *one*. The cost of these improvements has been $1,973.76.

For the further accommodation of the house on Sixth Street, the lot has been enlarged by the addition of 16 8-100 rods of land to the east end, extending it to Fifth street, at the cost of $482.40; so that the lot now extends through from Sixth to Fifth street, fronting on both. Another lot of land, containing 20 rods, and lying on the South side of William street a little below Eighth street, has been purchased for two thousand dollars, on which it is intended immediately to erect a house to supply the place of that on Market Square. A lot of land on Elm street, lying west of and contiguous to the lot purchased in 1849, has also been procured by direction of the City Council, and annexed to the premises occupied by the High School house. It measures 22 808-1000 rods, and cost $742.76. It is also proposed, in pursuance of the plan marked out last year, to lengthen the Grove school house during the next vacation, in the manner of those on Sixth and Maxfeld streets; an enlargement which the crowded state of the Grammar school in that house renders highly necessary.

With these improvements we shall probably be able to meet the requirements of the ensuing season; but,

with the present and prospective increase of the population of our city, it cannot be long before another Grammar school, in or near the Second Ward, will be wanted. Perhaps the erection of a new primary school house for the primary school kept on Maxfeld street, which will leave that house now enlarged to be used for the accommodation of schools of higher grade, will most conveniently and economically provide for this necessity. Of the wants of the country districts we shall have a word to say, when we come to report on the condition of the several schools.

Before leaving this part of our report, we have a word to say on one other topic—that of ventilation. After pretty thoroughly canvassing this subject, it has been entrusted to a committee of the board, with full power to introduce what appears to be the most improved method of ventilation into any of our school houses. This has already been done in the two houses which have recently been enlarged, and will shortly be extended to several other houses where the arrangements previously made for this purpose have proved insufficient. We are well aware that the air must be impure enough at best in a school room crowded with children, and it is our intention that all just cause of complaint on this account shall be removed.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The primary duty of every school committee, that of visiting and examining the schools under their care, till some personal knowledge of their rank and character is obtained, has not been forgotton by the

present board. Beside the monthly visits of the chairman, which, with a few exceptions, have been continued through the year, the usual examinations at the end of each quarterly term, have been attended to by the other members of the committee, who have endeavored so to apportion this work among them, that no school should be neglected. At the recent examinations which were made at the close of the winter term in February, a somewhat novel plan of operation was adopted. A committee of two was appointed to each school, twenty-seven in number, the High school not being included, who were to examine the several schools assigned to them, and report in writing the present condition of each to the general committee. From these reports and other sources, but mainly from these reports, we now proceed to give an abstract of the condition and relative standing of the schools at the present time.

OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Primary school on Maxfeld street has continued under the care of Lydia L. Watkins, Principal, and Rebecca R. Lewis, assistant, through the entire year. This school having been reported as much smaller than usual during the winter term, it may be well to say here, once for all, that, owing to the general prevalence of measles and other diseases to which children are peculiarly subjected, and, most especially, of varioloid or small pox in the northern Wards of the city, the attendance on many of the

schools has been greatly interrupted through the winter. Only about sixty were present at this examination. The report is, that the teachers had been diligent and successful; that the scholars seemed active and interested; that the classes acquitted themselves with credit, and that the character given to this school in our last report is well sustained.

The Charles street Primary school has been taught by Anna M. Richmond, principal, and Mary A. Cranston and Martha K. Wilbour, assistants. A second assistant having been added last summer in consequence of the increased number of pupils. The Committee say of this school, that "for order, discipline and the advancement of the children in their studies, this school is a model of its class, and its former high standing has, we believe, during the last term been fully maintained." Harriet N. Butler continued to be the senior assistant in this school until the latter part of October, when she resigned, and Miss Wilbour was appointed.

The school on Market square has been taught through the year by Lydia G. Davenport, principal, and Sarah H. Hewins, assistant. The report states that the examination was satisfactory, and that they found a class in Arithmetic that any Intermedial school would be proud of. This school was represented in the report of last year as much improved, and it appears to have since sustained the reputation it had then acquired.

The school on Bush street has been under the care of Anna M. Bailey, its former well known principal, with E. M. and Lucy Manchester, successively, as

assistants. The visiting committee say, that although the school was not as large as at some previous examination, (for reasons which have been already assigned,) yet its former reputation as to the proficiency of its pupils was fully sustained.

The school on Griffin street has remained under the tuition of Anna R. Commerford, principal, and Mary R. Howe, assistant, since last year. The report states that it was found in a satisfactory condition, and it appears to continue to deserve the credit accorded to it in our former report.

The school on Sixth street continued in the care of Harriet N. Covell, principal, and Martha A. Shepherd, assistant, until the end of the fall term. At that time the latter resigned her place, and the school was left without an assistant till January, when Susan R. Nichols was appointed. The committee say, that, though the pupils are behind those of most of the primary schools in their proficiency, they regard the school as having made improvement during the year. Taking into account the interruptions to which this, in common with the other schools, has been subjected for causes already assigned, and adding to these the still greater annoyance of having the two schools in this house crowded into one uncomfortable room, for several weeks, while the carpenters were altering the house, the committee think we may reasonably expect, when all these impediments shall be removed, an advancement in this school that will satisfy the board. With the deportment of the new assistant, who has entered upon her duties since the house was re-occupied, they express themselves well pleased.

THE INTERMEDIAL SCHOOLS.

The Intermedial and Primary school at Acushnet Village, has continued in the charge of Jane Ann Severance, through the year. It will be observed that there are three schools of this description, viz: this at the Head of the River, and two in the suburbs of the city, in which the two grades are united in one school. The report of the Committee describes their examination with some minuteness, and particularly notices their favorable impressions of the moral exercises at the close, which they commend to the imitation of some of the other city schools. They conclude by congratulating the parents of the children that receive their instruction from so faithful a teacher.

The Hill Intermedial and Primary school on Linden street has been taught by Anna B. Shockley, principal, and Helen M. Gordon, assistant, through the year. The committee say, that they found the school in a very good condition, and think the teachers have labored faithfully for its advancement. It may therefore be reported as fully sustaining its former reputation.

The Intermedial school on Maxfeld street has been continued under the care of Eliza J. D. Sheppard, principal, and Anna M. Harlow, assistant, since the last report. The committee say, the performances at the examinations were creditable to both scholars and teachers. The order of the school was excellent, the whole exhibiting a marked improvement in the character of this school over former years.

This and the school last mentioned have suffered great interruption from the varioloid, which prevailed during the winter in that section of the city. Since the enlargement of the house, at the opening of the spring term, a second assistant, Elizabeth H. Slocum, has been appointed to this school.

The school on Kempton street is under the direction of Mary B. Randall, principal, Avis Spooner and Clarissa S. Staples, assistants. The report of this school is very favorable. The committee examined nine classes, none of which they found occasion to mark below "respectable," while most of them were noted as "very good." The reading was especially commended for its intelligence and fluency, and the spelling was creditable. The general appearance and order of the school are also commended in this report, and the result must be pronounced to be a manifest improvement in the rank and character of this school during the year.

The school on Charles street has continued under the care of Clara D. Cory, principal, and Elizabeth P. Francis, assistant. The order of the school is reported to be good. The reading very good, and the spelling mostly correct. The examinations in Geography and Arithmetic, showing an accurate knowledge of these studies as far as they had proceeded, and all things giving good evidence that the school is well taught. We must say that this school maintains the high rank assigned to it last year.

The school on Market Square has been under the the charge of Elizabeth Y. Allyn as principal during the year. Maria Russell was the assistant during the

former, and Harriet E. Pitman during the latter half of the year. The Committee say, that there is an improvement in the condition of this school when compared with former reports. The annoyances to which it has been subjected are to be escaped, we trust, as soon as a new and commodious house can conveniently be built on the lot recently procured on William street. The late principal has resigned her station, and another has commenced the duties of the present Spring term.

The school on Bush street has been conducted by Mary T. Congdon, its long-established principal, and Mary E. Allen, assistant, during the past year. The report states that quite a thorough examination was made. The performances were satisfactory, sustaining the former reputation of the school; or, if failing to do so in any particular, it was in the spelling. They incline to believe however, that the apparent deficiency in this exercise was accidental, and not the true criterion of the attainment of this school.

The school on Sixth street has continued under the instruction of Rebecca G. Nye, principal, and Sarah Jane Babcock, assistant to the present time. The report says, the previous reputation of this school for discipline, good order, and, we will add, for punctuality in attendance, is fully sustained. The performances at this time did not, in their opinion, sustain the former reputation of the school. It has been through the year too large for the number of teachers provided for it. It must be remembered also, that, for the first month of the winter term, it was, with the Primary school from the same house,

uncomfortably packed into one room, the vestry of the meeting-house on Allen street, not sufficient for the separate accommodation of either of them.

They have now returned to occupy commodious and convenient rooms. A second asssistant, Elizabeth Hitch, has been appointed since the examination, who is now fulfilling the duties of her appointment; and we confidently hope, that the next report will be able to say as much as has ever been said of the rank and standing of the Sixth street school.

The Grove Intermedial and Primary school has been taught by Susan T. Congdon, principal, and Betsey T. Wing, assistant. The report states the reading and spelling to be satisfactory. The Geography and Arithmetic of the first class very good, of the second class, indifferent. The order and quietness not so good as generally prevails in the schools of this class, leaving room for some improvement in these particulars.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Acushnet Grammar school has been taught since May last by Elihu Norton. The report from this school is, that in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar the performances were creditable; in reading not so good. The committee was pleased to find a small class engaged in History. The order of the school afforded some ground for complaint. There appeared to be more bustle and confusion than is consistent with a well disciplined school, or with a proper advancement in their studies. There is rea-

son to believe that some improvement has been made in these respects during the winter term, and that in the future more may be expected.

The Hill Grammar school, which has been continued through the year under the care of Benjamin Evans, principal, and Elizabeth Covington and Clara E. Thornton, assistants, was not examined by the Committee. A severe domestic affliction, the loss of an only child of the principal, which occurred after a protracted illness, caused a suspension of the school during the last week of the term, and thus prevented their visit. We, however, feel warranted in saying, that, although this event, combined with the other causes before mentioned as operating unfavorably upon this section of the city, have interrupted the progress of this school during the winter term, yet these have been only temporary impediments, leaving the general reputation of the school as high as at any former period.

The Grammar school for girls on Charles street was conducted by Anna L. Bourne, principal, and Martha E. Keith and Jane M. Gould, assistants, to the end of the fall term. Miss Keith was compelled by ill health to resign her situation at that time, and Hannah B. Robinson has succeeded to her place. The report says, the school was orderly and quiet, showing that wholesome and efficient government was maintained. The recitations in Arithmetic were very good. The Geography, Grammar and Reading, not so good. Neat specimens of Maps drawn by the scholars were exhibited. The Spelling generally correct. The conclusion is that the school is

in good condition, though perhaps not so good in all respects as it appeared at some previous examinations. In regard to the comparative rank of the school at this time, it should be mentioned, that it furnished a very large number of the candidates for admission to the High School at the examination in December, and they were all admitted. The attendance on this school is large, and the services of another assistant much needed, if arrangements can be made to accommodate one.

The Boys' Grammar school on Middle street, is taught by Luther L. Smith, principal, and L. K. Deane, Cornelia G. Baker, Sarah E. Blake and Mary F. Underwood, assistants. W. R. Howes officiated as principal until September last, when he was removed, and the present principal appointed. Patience Potter continued to act as an assistant until her resignation in December, when Miss Underwood received the appointment. The Committee report the exercises in Arithmetic generally fair; those in Geography, very good; in Grammar, good with a few exceptions; in Reading and Spelling, not so good. The order of the school, very good. The abrupt change of the principal, which was deemed necessary in September last, had for a time a very injurious effect on the progress of the school. But, under the firm and discreet management of the present principal, it has gradually been restored to its former good order, and has exhibited in the performances at this time a manifest improvement over those of the preceding year.

The Boys' school on Bush street, was visited by

the same Committee. It is conducted by Alonzo H. Harlow, principal, and Mary Ann Crapo and Sarah D. Ottiwell, assistants. The report says, the exercises in Arithmetic and Geography were fair ; in Reading and Spelling, good, or else fair ; in Grammar, very good or very fair ; the class in History, good ; in Physiology, very fair. The order of the school was very good, with a few exceptions, and its general character improving. The teachers in both schools appeared interested in their classes, and harmony prevailed among them.

In the Girls' Grammar school on Bush street, there has been no change of teachers. Sybil W. Collins continues to be the principal, Sarah C. Davenport and Mary G. Washburn, the assistants. This and the Grove school were examined by the same Committee. They commenced by giving seven written questions to the first class in arithmetic. This method, though it has been practised for several years at the High school, both in the examination of classes and of candidates for admission, was now for the first time introduced to the Grammar schools. They were allowed the forenoon to prepare their answers. The result, fifty-seven per cent. of error, was greater than had been anticipated. The second and third classes were examined orally. The second passed a very good examination ; the third, not so well. In geography the school is considered as standing well. A written exercise in grammar was also given. In answering the questions, the errors were 20 per cent; in parsing, 37 per cent. The reading was pronounced as a whole very good. The class in history

appeared well. In spelling on their slates twenty words dictated to them, *thirty-five* scholars committed 123 mistakes in 700 words, making 17 1-2 per cent. of error. *Conscience*, *Believe*, *Massachusetts*, are specimens of the words given. Although the performances in arithmetic and grammar did not meet their expectations founded upon the former reputation of this school, the Committee say in closing their report, "it is confidently believed that the teachers have never labored more faithfully than during the past term, and that the methods of teaching pursued are judicious, and well calculated to interest the pupils in their studies. The school is still to be regarded as an excellent one."

"The discipline of the school is mild, but seemingly efficient. Among the efforts made to render the school a pleasant place, and as a sign of co-operative interest on the part of the children, it may be stated, that the contributions of the principal and scholars have furnished and placed in the room a cabinet of shells, which many of our academies would envy. Surely every thing that tends to awaken a love of the beautiful in nature in the minds of the young, should be welcomed as purifying the sentiments, and refining the tastes, and opening fresh sources of innocent and never-fading pleasures in the pathway of their future life."

The Grove Grammar School continues under the care of Ebenezer Hervey, principal, and Rebecca H. Thompson, assistant. The same written questions in Arithmetic and Grammar were given to the first and second classes in this school. The result in

Arithmetic was nearly equal, in Grammar, not so good as at the other school. Oral examinations of of the 3d and 4th classes in arithmetic were very good, of the 5th class, fair. The third class in Geography is marked, very good indeed—the fourth class, good. The classes in reading, generally very good; that of the first class not surpassed in any of our grammar schools. Unusual care appears to have been taken, both by principal and assistant, to instruct the pupil in the meaning of words and phrases, and it is an exercise which should be emphatically commended. The class in Physiology was an excellent one. In spelling the percentage of errors exceeded that at the Bush street school, but then it should be considered that a much larger proportion of the school participated in the exercise. The greatest relative deficiency in this school was in Grammar. The written exercises generally deserve commendation for the neatness of their penmanship. The report concludes as follows:

"This closes the report of studies; but it would hardly be right to omit a general remark or two concerning the character of the school, in other respects most vitally affecting its well being and the individual character of the scholars. It may be known to the board that the standing of this school as to punctuality has been remarkably high, and it still maintains this excellence. During the entire last week not a single case of absence for a whole half-day had occurred. The labors of the principal with his pupils, and his patient expostulations with parents, have done much to effect this. The discipline of the school has

also been maintained without the frequent necessity of a resort to harsher punishments. It was stated by the assistant that corporal punishment had been but once inflicted in her department during the term; and it is probable that the Principal has found very few occasions requiring its use. It is confidently believed, that the teachers are unwearied in their efforts to train up the children committed to their care to that "good behavior," which our laws require to be taught, and which is a phrase of most wide significance, embracing both morals and manners. It may safely be said, that there is not a school in our city to which a parent may send his child, with more confidence, that his character and habits will be watched over conscientiously, and the kindly affections cherished, than to this.

THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The North school has remained under the care of Elizabeth P. King, through the year. The committee say they have never found it in better condition than at present. The attendance was good, every seat being filled, and some of the desks intended for two, had three occupants. Nearly every class was examined, including a small one in the study of history. Miss King had been absent from school during the last six weeks, on account of ill health, her sister Dorothy having very satisfactorily supplied her place. The committee think the time has arrived when a larger lot should be procured, and a new school

house erected, the present one being much out of repair, and nearly worn out.

The school at Perry's Neck continues under the care of Catherine Webb. It has increased in size with the increasing population of the neighborhood, till it has almost lost its distinctive mark as the smallest of our public schools. The attendance of a few large scholars during the winter, quite an unusual occurrence here, has also given a new feature to the character and appearance of this school. A very kind feeling appeared to prevail between the teacher and scholars, and we think the present condition of the school is as favorable as could well be expected under this change of circumstances.

The school at Haskins' corner continues to be conducted by Jane P. King. The report states the attendance and general deportment of the scholars to be very good. The exercises in geography and grammar, good. The reading improved, the arithmetic sustained since the former report. The school therefore is in a thriving condition, and is one that it is a pleasure to visit. The lot on which the house stands is quite too small, and should be enlarged, or exchanged for a better, as soon as a suitable one can be procured on reasonable terms.

Of the school at Cannonville we cannot speak so encouragingly. It was taught, during the first three terms of the year embraced in this report, by Elizabeth Thomas, and we flattered ourselves was in an improving state. The examination in November seemed to give evidence of this, and had our report been made at that period it would have been a more

favorable one. She declined to remain longer at this school and Margaret P. White has been appointed to her place. The Committee say that the school did not appear so well at the recent examination as at the former one; that the labors of the present teacher, though well directed, are not appreciated or favorably received by a portion of the parents. We can see no sufficient reason for this. The present Principal has acquired the reputation of a skilful teacher in a neighboring town, and the Committee know no cause for dissatisfaction. The new term has opened under better auspices, though with diminished numbers in consequence of the withdrawal of some of the scholars; a better spirit appears to influence those now in attendance, and we hope a right feeling toward the school and its teacher will soon again prevail through the neighborhood for whose benefit they have been provided.

The School on Clark's Point continued under the successful management of Hannah B. Robinson until December, when, at her request, she was removed into the city. Elizabeth Thomas has since occupied the place. The report from this school is, that the reading and spelling were generally good. The arithmetic was also very good. There were one or two scholars who had advanced in their studies beyond what is usual in our grammar schools, and who acquitted themselves with much credit. For want of sufficient time the school was not examined in geography or grammar, but we have had favorable reports in these branches of study from former examinations. The order of the school was very good.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school remains under the care of the same teachers as last year. John F. Emerson is the Principal—Onslow Hemenway, Anna Webb and Eliza H. Tobey are the assistants. At the semi-annual examination in June, or rather in May last, on account of the absence of some of the committee on this school from the city, the exercises were conducted by one member only. They were, after the usual manner, partly written and partly oral, but more limited in time, and consequently in variety and extent, than had been customary on these occasions. The written exercises were afterwards examined, reported and commented on to the school, early in the succeeding term. We have in some former years occupied the pages of the annual report with a full and detailed account of the result of these examinations. We will content ourselves on this occasion with an extract from the concluding general remarks of the examiner :

" The order and discipline of the school seemed to be excellent, and the quiet of one hundred and fifty scholars in one room somewhat noticeable. The teachers seem to have been generally successful in winning the attachment of the children, and we were informed that but very few grave offences had occurred. The register exhibited a very high per centage of attendance on the boys' side. The attendance of the young ladies continues to be so much below as to occasion the Principal no little trouble. On the first day of the examination every boy was present,

while in the morning about a dozen of the girls were absent."

The examination in December was continued for three days. Every member of the sub-committee was present during some part of the time, and two of them were present nearly the whole time. Nine written exercises were performed by the several classes. Three of these—one in Arithmetic, one in Algebra and one in Geometry, were by the first class. Two, one in Algebra and one in Astronomy, by the second class. One each in Algebra by the third and fourth classes, and one each in Arithmetic by the fifth and sixth classes. It may be sufficient to say that these exercises as a whole would not detract from the general character of the school. Those of the sixth class were decidedly better than has usually been obtained from the lowest class, while the register of the school bore testimony that the general deportment of that class during their first term had been alike exemplary. An oral examination of the fourth class in Natural Philosophy was very satisfactory. There was one of the fifth class in Physiology, and others in reading and grammar from all the classes. In spelling on the slate from dictation, more mistakes were made by some of the younger classes than we could have desired. The declamation of the last day, though fair, was not equal to that of some former occasions; while the compositions which were read would stand somewhat better in the comparison.

At the examination of the candidates for admission to this school in June last, which was conducted in

the usual manner by written questions in Geography, Arithmetic and Grammar given alike to every applicant, seventy-eight candidates were examined, the largest number ever presented, of whom fifty-two were admitted. In December there were fifty-one applicants, of whom forty were admitted.

With the purpose of elevating the scholarship and character of the school and extending the sphere of its usefulness, it was decided by the Committee in December last, after deliberate consideration, to permit such of the members of that and of future graduating classes as should desire it, to pursue their studies another year in this school. The privilege was also extended to any of the members of former classes, and others, who, on examination by the committee of this school, should be considered qualified to join this class. Accordingly, ten of the fourteen members of the graduating class elected to remain and continue their studies. They have been joined by four members of preceding classes, making a seventh and more advanced class of fourteen members, who are now a component part of this school. The Latin language, Chemistry, Intellectual Philosophy, and a course of reading in Milton's Paradise, with critical and grammatical analysis, constitute their present course of studies. To meet this arrangement the necessary text books have been selected, as will appear in another part of this report.

In connection with this decision there was another made by the committee, viz: that the standard of qualification requisite for admission to the High School should be raised. This has been done with

reference not to the improvement of this school solely, but quite as much to the advancement of the studies and character of the grammar schools, from which most of the scholars admitted to this school are received, and in which the great majority of our children finish their school education. The plan embraces a revised course of studies for this school, for the entire four years; contemplating, not only a considerable advancement in the branches hitherto pursued, but also the introduction of several new studies, such as Logic and Intellectual Philosophy, Political Economy and the Constitution of the United States, Physical Geography, Chemistry and Botany, which heretofore have not been required, though some of them may have been occasionally introduced in addition to the regular course. It also proposes a division of the school into two departments—an English and a Classical, the latter to include, with a portion of the course of the former, the Latin and Greek languages. These also may be attended to by any of the members of the English department, as far as their time will permit. The French language as an optional study may be added to either course. That this change may be a gradual one, and not fall too much by surprise upon the future candidates or the teachers who are preparing them, an acquaintance with the history of our own country previous to the declaration of independence, and with Greenleaf's Introduction to the National Arithmetic as far as square root inclusive, will be the only new tests required at the next examination.

With this increase in the number of scholars, of

studies and of classes, for there will be eight classes in June, it must be very evident that the present corps of teachers, who had already quite enough to do, will be inadequate to discharge properly all the duties, old and new, which will henceforth be required. The committee have accordingly determined that another female teacher shall be appointed. They hope to procure some lady of experience and established reputation as a teacher, competent to preside over the female department when separated from the eye of the principal, and impart such counsel and instruction as the various pupils of her own sex may especially require, to mould their manners, to form their characters, and prepare them for the approaching duties of maturer life.

As this step is to be regarded as an important one, due time will be taken for consultation and enquiry, before the selection shall be made. In the mean time, as a preparatory measure, the general school room has been divided by a partition into two rooms, with two connecting doors, so that the school may at any time be addressed as a whole, or each sex may be seen separately in its own room, as convenience or occasion may require. This partition, it being regarded in the nature of an experiment, is made with boards only, tongued and grooved, and may be easily removed, if, after trial, it should not be approved.

STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

The number of the public schools, twenty-eight, remains unchanged. The number of teachers has been *sixty*. *Seven* of these are males and *fifty-three*

are females. Two new assistants just appointed will increase the number to *sixty-two*. When the new assistant for the High school shall be selected, there will be *sixty-three*. The whole number of scholars received into all the schools during the year, was—for the spring term, 2,946 ; for the summer term, 2,908 ; for the autumn, 2,962 ; for the winter, 2,901. The average number belonging to the schools was, for the spring term, 2,564 ; for the summer, 2,528; for the autumn, 2,505 ; and for the winter, 2,458. The average attendance for the spring term has been 2119 ; for the summer, 2185 ; for the autumn, 2198 ; and for the winter, 2,129. The per centage of attendance in all the schools for the year has been 85-8 per cent, differing only four-tenths of one per cent. from the estimate of last year, which was 86-2.

The number of children between the ages of *five* and *fifteen* in the city in May last, was *three thousand two hundred and nine*. The whole number over fifteen years of age attending school has been 166 ; under five years, 255. The number of private schools in the city, including the Friends' Academy, is 23. The estimated number of children attending them is 662.

EVENING SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS.

These schools were opened on the first of November, and have continued to the present time. They are taught as last year, in the basement of the High school house, on alternate evenings, thus allowing three evenings in the week to each school. The school for males has been under the care of Ebene-

zer Hervey, principal, and Joseph B. Scotchler, assistant. That for females has been taught by J. S. Cornish for principal, and Mary T. Congdon and Rebecca H. Thompson, assistants. They have both been better attended than during the second year, but not so well attended as they were the first year. The number entered in the school for males has been 85, but several of these have presented themselves for a few evenings only. The greatest number attending on any one evening has been *forty-one;* the smallest number, *ten;* the average about *twenty-five.* The majority of those who attend the school for males are colored persons, and the alarm and anxiety which have been the unhappy lot of this people in consequence of the enactment of the Fugitive Slave Law, have greatly interrupted the successful operation of this school. The few who have attended constantly have made good progress.

The number entered at the school for females has been 120. The greatest number present at one time has been *eighty-four.* The smallest number, except on one very stormy evening, has been *twenty.* The average attendance has been *forty-nine.* Several have been present a very few evenings only, and some only once or twice. From twenty-five to thirty have been very regular in attendance, being rarely absent, and never without sufficient excuse. These have accordingly derived the greatest benefit from the school. In a few instances only, voluntary assistance has been offered, so that the committee deemed it necessary to provide three permanent teachers for the school for females. Though the school has been

much more irregular than could be desired, we think more has been accomplished this year than the last, and we feel a satisfaction in believing that the labor has by no means been bestowed in vain.

GRADATION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The present classification of our schools was adopted in 1843. It commended itself at once to the favor of the committee and the public, and has continued for eight years without alteration. But is it not time to inquire if this system will not admit of some improvement? The transferring of the scholar from each grade of school to the next higher is dependent, in all cases except that of admission to the High school, upon the attainment of a certain age, and upon that alone. At seven he will enter the intermedial school, and at ten he is to enter the grammar school, however deficient his acquirements may be. Not only is the higher school crowded in this way, by the admission of many whose proficiency would not entitle them to enter it, and thus the very purpose of a proper classification is in a measure frustrated, but the inducement which should be offered to the lagging children of the lower school, to strive for a higher attainment, is withheld from them; for they know, that whether they be idle or diligent it matters not, when the appointed time shall arrive, their removal to the higher school will be effected. True, we have sometimes taken the responsibility of departing from this rule in extreme cases, or where compelled to it by want of room in

the upper school, but these have been special exceptions, or rather violations of the established rule. It would not probably be advisable to alter the minimum of age at which this transfer of scholars from one grade of school to the next higher should be made; but might there not be required in addition, a certain amount of proficiency in their studies, without which the transfer should not at any age be made? The pupil thus finding that his promotion at every stage of advancement depended, in part if not entirely, upon his own exertions, that by gross negligence he would be sure to forfeit the privilege and be left behind his associates, his ambition would be roused to the struggle, and a lesson of self-reliance inculcated, both of which are, oftentimes, greatly needed. The only valid objection to such a course is the consideration, that boys over ten years of age, and these boys often of a class the most difficult to govern, would be retained under the charge of female teachers; for they who are the most backward in their studies are exceedingly prone to be of this description. This objection might be obviated by setting apart a school provided with a suitable teacher for the special training of such scholars. It would become a sort of hospital for incurables, or at least of those who had been found very hard to cure, for only such we think would be likely to remain long in it. This matter has claimed, and must continue to claim the earnest attention of this Board, 'till the difficulty shall be removed; for the schools of no grade should be burthened, beyond their appropriate sphere of duties, with the instruction of those pu-

pils who have never been properly qualified to enter them.

TRUANCY AND NON-ATTENDANCE.

But the greatest obstacle to the successful operation of our system of public instruction continues to be found in the truancy, and, in too many cases, the entire absence from the schools of the children who are of proper age to attend them. Our records of the daily attendance are still kept in all the schools as carefully as in former years, though we have omitted to prepare an abstract from them to be incorporated in this report. By the table which is appended to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education for the present year, it appears that New Bedford ranks only as the *two hundred and sixth*, of the *three hundred and sixteen* cities and towns of which the State is constituted, in the proportion which the average attendance of its children in the public schools bears to the whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen within its limits. This is bad enough, though it is relatively better than in the corresponding tables of some previous reports. But in these comparisons between the different towns, there are some considerations which are liable to be overlooked, yet should not be forgotten, in estimating the facilities and amount of instruction that they respectively afford. The small towns have few or no private schools. Their children must go to the public schools or to none. Hence these will have an apparent advantage in the comparison. In this table

for instance, in each of the adjacent counties of Norfolk, Plymouth and Barnstable, the smallest town in the county stands highest in this particular; and in our own county, it is the smallest town except two that stands highest, among the nineteen of which the county is composed. And it is much the same throughout the Commonwealth; while the cities of Boston and Salem, with their liberal provision for the support of public schools, stand even below New Bedford in this table. From the large towns also a much greater proportion of the children are sent away from home to attend boarding schools, thus diminishing the number attending the public schools, and bringing down their average in this estimate. In instituting a comparison, therefore, to ascertain the relative number of children that receive instruction in the several towns, we should add to the list the four or five or six hundred that are taught in private schools in New Bedford or any other of our large cities, saying nothing of all those who are sent abroad to be instructed. The tables of the Secretary are rightly adapted to their purpose, that of showing the relative number attending the public schools only. Nor do we take issue with him on his position, that it would be better to relinquish the private schools and let the energies of all be united in the support and elevation of the public schools. All this we may concede. It is to the inference which, without careful discrimination, may be drawn from these tables, that Boston, Salem and New Bedford are behind the majority of towns in the Commonwealth in the relative number of their children which

attend any school, and to that alone, that we object.

To return to the point from which we have digressed. It will be admitted, and is much to be regretted, that there is a class of children in all our large cities and towns, quite too numerous in most of them, whom it is very difficult to bring under school discipline or school instruction, and who are fast growing up to a life of idleness, and vice, and crime. An act of the Legislature of 1850, "concerning truant children, and absentees from school," has made some stringent provisions for the management of such children, in all cities and towns which shall adopt the act, by the appointment of proper officers to make complaints as therein provided. The city of Boston has already adopted this act, by making the necessary provision for its being carried into effect; and we would respectfully recommend it to the notice and attention of the members of our own City Council.

TEXT BOOKS.

To the list of text books authorized to be used in the schools, some additions have been made since the subject was noticed in our report two years ago. Abbott's edition of Abercrombie's Intellectual Philosophy, Johnston's Turner's Chemistry, Andrews' and Stoddard's Latin Grammar and Reader, and Hall's Literary Reader have been adopted for the High school. Tower's Second Class Reader or Fourth Book, and Hall's Manual of Morals will be used henceforth in the Grammar schools, and Willard's History of the United States, for the present, in both.

Some further selections have yet to be made for the use of the class which will remain another year in the High school, including the new studies which are to be introduced there.

LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

The Library has been opened weekly to the scholars, and continues to be used freely by many of them as heretofore. Few books have been added during the year, as the present number has been thought sufficiently large for convenient use. They are, however, undergoing pretty hard service, and many of them will soon require to be replaced with new copies or new books, which will afford an opportunity for using the unexpended balance of the Library fund. The room which it occupies has been, for several months applied exclusively to this purpose, the meetings of the committee having been held during the winter in the chamber of the Common Council, with the consent of that board.

A very small amount has been expended for maps or apparatus during the year, although the usual appropriation of three hundred dollars was made last spring for that purpose. We trust this appropriation will be continued annually, till a complete suite of apparatus for the High school, and an ample supply of maps and diagrams for the other schools shall be provided. It is probable that it will all be wanted for the coming year.

SCHOOL FINANCES.

We received last autumn, from the school committee of Fairhaven, the sum of eighty dollars, as two years' compensation, nothing having been received in 1849, for the instruction of the children belonging to that town, who reside in the immediate vicinity of the North school, and have attended it for several years. They usually constitute from one-fourth to one-third of the children who attend that school. The money was paid to the City Treasurer, and placed by him to the credit of the school department.

The report of the Finance Committee of the City Council exhibits the state of the funds of this department as follows.

It is credited with:

Balance of former account,	$5,323 06	
Annual Appropriation for 1850,	21,500 00	
Amount received from State School fund,	616 60	
" " from Fairhaven,	80 00	
" " for books from taxes,	88 97	
		$27,608 63

And it is charged with:

Teachers' Salaries,	$16,001 18	
School Committee's services,	530 00	
	$16,531 18	

Amount brought forward,		$16,531 18
School books and stationery for the schools,	501 88	
Stoves, pipe and repairing,	265 36	
Fuel,	785 52	
Librarian—six months' compensation,	25 00	
Repairs and alteration of buildings,	2,565 38	
Cost of three lots of land,	3,225 16	
Cleaning, making fires, &c.,	405 43	
Incidentals,	687 24	
Balance to new account,	2,616 48	
		$27,608 63

Since these accounts were closed, bills have been allowed by this committee amounting to $1,067 01. This will reduce the balance above stated to $1,549 47. But it must be recollected, that the eight thousand dollars voted by the City Council for the purchase of land and erection of buildings has not yet been received and placed to the credit of this department. The cost of the three lots of land, after deducting therefrom the unexpended balance of the appraisal of the old school-house lot on William street, which can be rightfully applied to this use,—and the whole or a part of the cost of enlarging the houses will be chargeable to the account of that appropriation This will accordingly increase the existing balance in our favor to an amount amply sufficient, after deducting from it the unexpended balance of

the Library fund, to meet all the demands against this department prior to the first of June, which will be the end of the school year.

We have endeavored to state, to the best of our knowledge, and with as much brevity as the importance of the subject would permit, the present condition of the schools, together with their immediate, and some of their prospective wants, as we apprehend them; and here we close this report, again commending to our fellow citizens the sacred cause of public education, and soliciting their unabated interest in the welfare of the generation which is to come after them, and which will so soon succeed to their places.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee.

THOS. A. GREENE, Chairman.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 28th, 1851.

Correspondence, Resolutions, &c., in relation to the resignation of Thos. A. Greene and Geo. Howland, Jr., *as members of the School Committee.*

In Board of School Committee,
March 28, 1851.

Charles Haffards, from the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported the following resolution :

"Whereas the official relation which has existed between the School Committee and our present Chairman for the last seven years, is now about to terminate, this Board desire to express their high sense of the integrity, impartiality and fidelity with which, during his long period of continued service, he has fulfilled the important duties which have devolved upon him as general superintendent of our schools, and of the undeviating courtesy with which he has presided over our deliberations, and also their confident belief, that in his retirement from the station he will carry with him the best wishes of all who have been here associated with him, and the grateful remembrances of those in any way connected with the educational interests of our city."

On motion of Horatio A. Kempton, it was

Voted, That this Board would also take this occasion to express their sense of the valuable services of George Howland, Jr., as a member of this Com-

mittee for the last eight years, believing that the large amount of time devoted, and of labor performed by him for the benefit of our Schools, demand this mark of respect from his associates on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee.

At the same time the following communication was received :

New Bedford, 3d mo. 27, 1851.

Wm. Howe, Esq.,
Secretary of the N. B. School Committee.

Dear Sir :

At a meeting of the School Teachers of this city, the following sentiments were fully expressed, with a wish to lay this communication before your Board, for such action as you may deem proper.

To Thomas A. Greene and George Howland, Jr.,
members of the N. B. School Committee.

Gentlemen :

The undersigned, in behalf of the public school teachers of this city, take this method of expressing their regret that you are about to resign your membership in the N. B. School Committee, the duties of which you have so long performed with such ability and success. Permit us, gentlemen, as you are about to retire from your office, to thank you for the very

valuable service you have rendered us as Teachers by your full co-operation in, and kind encouragement of all our labors.

We wish you to receive this as a testimonial of our sincere friendship and esteem.

JOHN F. EMERSON, Chairman.

A. H. HARLOW, Secretary.

It was then

Voted, That the foregoing Resolution and Communication be accepted, placed upon the Records of the School Committee, and that the whole be printed in connection with the Annual Report.

WILLIAM HOWE, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR

1851.

Ward No. 1.—LINEAS WOOD,
" " CALVIN STAPLES,
" " DANIEL C. BURT.

Ward No. 2.—HORATIO A. KEMPTON,
" " HENRY R. WILCOX,
" " CHARLES D. BURT.

Ward No. 3.—LUTHER G. HEWINS,
" " AMASA L. GLEASON,
" " WILLIAM G. WHITE.

Ward No. 4.—ROBERT C. PITMAN,
" " CHARLES HAFFARDS,
" " ALEXANDER H. SEABURY.

Ward No. 5.—OLIVER PRESCOT,
" " JOSHUA C. STONE,
" " WILLIAM HOWE.

Ward No. 6.—WILLIAM PENN HOWLAND.
" " HENRY T. WOOD,
" " BRADFORD G. HATHEWAY.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

AMASA L. GLEASON, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the High School.—Gleason, D. C. Burt, Pitman, Prescott, Howland and Stone.

North Grammar Schools.—Prescott, L. Wood, Hewins and C. D. Burt.

South Grammar Schools.—Pitman, H. T. Wood, Howland and Seabury.

North Intermedial Schools.—Hewins, Willcox, Staples and White.

South Intermedial Schools.—Haffards, H. T. Wood, Howe and Hatheway.

Primary Schools.—Howe, Kempton, Wilcox, and Seabury.

Country Schools.—D. C. Burt, Kempton, Staples and White.

Nomination of teachers.—Gleason, L. Wood, Haffards, Chas. D. Burt, Prescott and Stone.

On the Library.—Gleason, Howe, Pitman and Hatheway.

On School Houses.—North of Elm Street, Kempton. South of Elm Street, Haffards.

On Admissions.—North of Elm Street, Hewins. South of Elm Street, Hatheway.

WILLIAM HOWE, Secretary.

City Documents.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

TO THE

CITY COUNCIL;

CITY GOVERNMENT:

AND

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES,

COMPRISING

THE FINANCE, ENGINEERS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR

1854-5.

New-Bedford:
E. ANTHONY, PRINTER TO THE CITY.
1855.

1855---City Document---No. 1.

ADDRESS

OF THE

HON. GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,

MAYOR,

TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF NEW-BEDFORD;

DELIVERED BEFORE THE

TWO BRANCHES IN CONVENTION,

APRIL 2d, 1855.

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ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

When, eight years ago, I took leave of municipal affairs with which I had then been several years connected, I hoped to be permitted to remain a private citizen for the residue of my life. But through the partiality of my fellow citizens, extended to me with a very great degree of unanimity, I have been again called to the field of labor; and although the duty imposed upon me is of a character somewhat different from any I have before assumed, yet I hope to be enabled so to conduct the public affairs, as at least, to receive the approval of my own conscience, looking to that, rather than to the applause of men, for my reward.

I shall not attempt to make any pledges, either to do this or to omit that, simply proposing to discharge whatever duties may devolve upon me, according to my own convictions at the time, having but one object in view, the promotion of the best interests of all classes of the community.

Convened, as we now are, in conformity with the provisions of the City Charter, for the purpose of organizing the City Government for the ensuing municipal year, and having taken upon ourselves the obligation required thereby, in accordance with that obligation let us at the outset, firmly and resolutely determine to execute the trusts confided to us by our fel-

low citizens, in such a manner as to meet their reasonable and just expectations, and to secure, for ourselves, upon the termination of our official labors, the consciousness that they have been directed with a single eye to the true and permanent interests of those whom we represent.

It will be my duty, as it will my pleasure, to cooperate with you in all measures calculated to promote the public good.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's account, which has been submitted to me, exhibits the following results in respect to the receipts and expenditures of the public money during the past year.

The amount with which the Treasurer charges himself as the receipts from all sources for the year ending 3d mo., 1st, 1855, including temporary loans, and the balance on hand 3d mo. 1st, 1854, is	$328,626.06
Of this sum he credits himself with the items of allowance for prompt payments of taxes, for taxes remitted, and for balance of uncollected taxes for 1854, amounting in the aggregate to	$12,383.32
With the amount of the State and County tax,	19,863.50
With payments on warrants drawn by the Mayor during the year, amounting to	293,943.53
And with the balance in the treasury 3d mo., 1st, 1855,	2,435.71
Making as above,	$328,626.06

Of the foregoing amount of $293,943.53 paid out upon the warrants of the Mayor, the sum of $73,108.90 appropriated to the repayment of temporary loans and interest thereon, and the further sum of $38,718.00, may be regarded as extraordinary expenses; leaving the sum of $182,116.63 as the ordinary expenditure for the year.

In the address of my immediate predecessor, to the City Council the last year, he states the legitimate ordinary expenses of the Government for the previous year, rightfully chargeable to that Government, to have been the sum of $136,372.39; thus showing an increase of expenditure during the last over the pre-

vious year of $45,744.24. There has also been expended during the last month the additional sum of $11,000.

It is obvious that such a rate of increase in the public expenses cannot go on for a series of years, without exciting a feeling of just solicitude on the part of our fellow citizens; and it cannot, I think, fail to admonish us, that in the discharge of our various and responsible duties, there are none imposed upon us which call for greater vigilance or more scrupulous fidelity, than those which arise out of our guardianship of the Public Treasury.

CITY DEBT.

The total amount of the City debt, 3d mo. 1st, 1854, was $114,126.98, of which $14,500 was for temporary loans, which have been paid. There has also been paid on account of the principal $6,618.52, leaving unpaid $93,108 46.

The permanent loans made during the past year amount to $23,600, and the temporary loans prior to 3d mo. 1st, 1855, and which remain unpaid, to $19,500; another temporary loan has been contracted since 3d mo., 1st, for $7000, making the aggregate of the City debt this day $143,108.46, an increase in the last year of $29,000, and in the last two years of more than $100,000.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our Public Schools ever have received, and I trust ever will, the fostering care of the City Government. Although the amount expended for their support, (exclusive of the cost of new school houses) $35,698.71, appears very large, yet I believe there is no tax assessed upon our citizens which meets with a more ready response than that levied for this purpose.

During the past year, one new house has been built on the corner of Cedar and Maxfield streets, and one is now in process of erection near Bellville, neither of which has been paid for; and a lot of land on the corner of Franklin and State streets, has been purchased as a site for another house.

From the report of the School Committee, which will be laid before you, I learn that the schools "as a whole have been creditably sustained," and from my own knowledge of them, I think they will compare favorably with those of any other city or town in the Commonwealth.

By this very interesting report, which I commend to your careful consideration, you will perceive that in the opinion of the Committee, in consequence of the crowded condition of the schools, and from the gradual increase of our population, some considerable addition to the school accommodations will be required this year.

They also state that they experience much inconvenience from not having a room appropriated to their exclusive use in which to meet and deposit their books and papers, which, under the present arrangement are liable to be scattered and lost.

In the report presented last year, the Committee expressed the opinion that "the time has come when the magnitude and increasing extent of the school interest requires the appointment of a new officer, who shall be styled 'Superintendent of Public Schools,' and whose duty shall consist in devoting his whole time, talents and accomplishments to the general supervision of the schools, and the improvement of their condition." In this opinion I cordially concur, and I invite to it your especial attention. Indeed, I deem it a subject of

regret, that a suggestion of such vital importance to this great and growing interest should have been entirely passed over, and postponed, to the more material interests of the City, which, however worthy of the fostering care of the Government, are certainly of less consideration than the great cause of popular Education, in their permanent influence upon the present and future well being of the community.

The adoption of any measures, which you may propose for the advancement of the best interests of this branch of the public service, will be most heartily co-operated in by me.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library continues to be regarded with unabated interest, and its privileges to be availed of to a great extent by our citizens. It has afforded to a very large number, a quiet place of resort, to which they can retire for intellectual recreation and instruction. The following statistics, which have been kindly furnished me by the Trustees, strikingly exhibit the constantly increasing favor with which it is regarded.

Whole number of books taken from the Library to 3d mo., 4th, 1855,	21,041
Number of persons who have entered their names and received cards, entitling them to the privilege of taking books, during the past year, has been	810
Whole number of cards issued,	3,183
Number of books out at the above date,	1,100
Whole number of books belonging to the Library about,	8,000

In view of these interesting facts, it is apparent, that the entire community, who participate in its advantages, look to the City Government to provide for this

valuable property, which is increasing in extent and value every year, a place of deposit which shall protect it from the perils to which it is now exposed. It has been to our citizens generally, and especially to those to whose care it is more particularly entrusted, a source of great solicitude and anxiety, that this foundation of what we hope will ultimately become one of the chief treasures of our city, may at any moment be destroyed by our neglect to protect it from the casualty of fire. I cannot doubt that an appropriation of a sufficient sum to erect a building which will be at once safe and commodious for its present necessities, and at the same time shall consult the prospective growth of the Library and be a chaste and suitable structure, worthy of the city and the object to which it is devoted, would be most cheerfully seconded and approved by the great mass of our fellow citizens. The amount expended for this account has been $1,721.13, leaving on hand a balance of $523.22 which will be absorbed by existing unliquidated demands.

For details in regard to the condition, wants and prospects of the Library, I refer you to the report of the Trustees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

During the municipal year just closed, the services of the Fire Department were called into requisition thirty-four times; the amount of property destroyed was about $80,000, or nearly five times as much as in the previous year. The members of the Department have maintained their usual character for promptness, yet from information, and from my own observation, I am of the opinion that their efficiency has not been of that high order which it has heretofore attained. One cause of the falling off in this respect may be charged

to a too great spirit of rivalry for precedence, rather than for pre-eminence in efficient usefulness. This Department has in years past been justly regarded by the citizens with much favor, and has enjoyed in a great degree their confidence and respect. But, I regret to say, that, although the Chief Engineer has done all in his power to check existing evils, I think in some portions of it, a further effort at reform is at the present time *imperatively* demanded.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I bring to your notice the fact, of the organization, a few months since, of a corps of Veteran Volunteer Firemen, numbering about ninety men, composed of those who have heretofore been most efficiently connected with the Department, and who hold themselves in readiness, on the appearance of a conflagration, again to render their services, under the direction of the Engineers. I have no doubt that this organization will prove to be a most valuable auxiliary to the Department, whenever an exigency arises to call it into action.

One new first class engine has been purchased, and is now in service, making the whole number of Engines in the city, nine; and another has been contracted for, to be delivered during the coming summer. The whole number of Firemen connected with the Department at the present time is 483. One new house has been built on Purchase street, north of Maxfield, for Engine No. 3. Twenty-one hundred feet of leading and thirty feet of suction hose have been added, for the new engine, and to supply the place of such as is unfit for use.

Three new reservoirs have been constructed, and one (on Purchase, near William street) has been repaired; this last will require some further care from the proper officers.

By the report of the Engineers, which will be laid before you, you will learn that in their opinion, a still further increase of reservoirs is required.

Should you decide it to be necessary to construct any, during the ensuing year, I can but suggest the hope, that they will be entered upon sufficiently early to insure their completion before the frosts and storms of winter.

The amount expended for the purposes of this department has been very great, reaching the sum of $24,863.96, against an expenditure the year previous, of less than $10,000. From a want of detailed information, I cannot judge whether or not this great expenditure has been called for; but from the fact of the appropriation last spring having been for only $10,000, I think it may safely be set down as *extraordinary.*

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

The expenditure for our streets and highways during the past year, exclusive of the "Point road," has reached the unprecedented amount of $43,000, being 50 per cent. greater than in any previous year.

By reference to the record of past years, I find that the amount expended in 1850, was $13,275
In 1851 was 16,963
In 1852 " 25,387
In 1853 " 26,698
In 1854 " 43,000

The only outlay in this department which may be considered as not rightly chargeable to ordinary repairs, is one of about $3,500 for a road across the "Beach," which it was found incumbent on the City to make and keep in repair, leaving $39,500 justly chargeable to repairs of highways.

You will not expect me at this time to make any specific propositions in relation to this department, as

it would require detailed information in respect to its necessities which I have not yet had an opportunity to acquire. It may, therefore, properly be left for future communications. But I would most urgently recommend to this Council to see to it, that, while every thing the public convenience and comfort demand, be cheerfully and promptly done in this department, a more reasonable and economical expenditure of the public money be made for this purpose.

COMMON SEWERS.

Three Common Sewers have been constructed during the past year; one in William, one in Maxfield, and one from Hill, through Mill, Ray and North streets; and that in Union street has been extended westerly, from County to Cottage street; the amount expended for these purposes has been $20,918.22, which has been paid in part by a permanent loan of $10,000; one-half of the cost assessable on the abuttors is to be returned to the Treasury.

The balance against this account on the first day of last month was $4,833.08.

POINT ROAD.

The "Clark's Point Road" than which a more beautiful drive, or more perfect road, cannot probably be found in New England, if in the United States, and which has justly become a source of pride and satisfaction to our citizens, is so far completed, that no great outlay, beyond the sum necessary to keep it in repair, will be required this year.

The cost of this road to the present time has been a little over $50,000, which has been defrayed by funds raised on a permanent loan of that sum.

ALMS HOUSE.

By the report of the Overseers of the Poor, I learn

that the amount expended for the support of the Institution under their charge has been $14,863.50, of which $8,755.93 has been expended at the Alms House, and $5,575.05 for the relief of three hundred and thirty-three families, comprising twelve hundred and twenty-six persons, out of the House; six hundred and twelve of whom had no legal right to relief, being State paupers. The balance, $532.52 was for incidental expenses, including bills of scavenger carts.

Of the large amount expended out of the house, $3,000 or more than one-half was for fuel, and about $1,600 for provisions, for the more immediate and temporary relief of those who were suffering for the necessaries of life, during the late inclement winter.

The whole number of persons in the Alms House 3d mo. 1st., 1854, was	145
The number admitted the past year,	194
Whole number relieved during the year	339

Who remained in the Alms House 3,799 weeks. The number in the House 3d mo. 1st., 1855, was 77.

This great reduction of the inmates of our Alms House has been in consequence of the establishment by the State of an Alms House at Bridgewater, where all such as have been heretofore provided for as State paupers should be sent, and which will continue to relieve us from persons of this class.

To the several suggestions of the Overseers, I would respectfully call your attention, as being worthy of your careful consideration.

And now, gentlemen, under a deep feeling of the responsibilities resting upon us, let us enter upon our various duties, looking to the God and Father of us all, for ability rightly to discharge them.

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GOVERNMENT

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

1855.

MAYOR,

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.

ALDERMEN,

WARD 1.—EDWARD MILLIKEN.
" 2.—JAMES WHEATON.
" 3.—ASA R. NYE,
" 4.—JACOB L. PORTER.
" 5.—OLIVER SWAIN.
" 6.—CRANSTON WILLCOX.

COMMON COUNCIL,

President—JOHN W. NICKERSON.

WARD No. 1.

William H. Topham, James H. Slocum,
Barnabas Collins, John Cranston.

WARD No. 2.

Henry F. Thomas, Harry J. Leach,
Wm. H. Howard, Paul Howland, 2d.

WARD No. 3.

John N. Barrows, Luther G. Hewins,
Daniel Homer, Lewis Hathaway.

WARD No. 4.

John W. Nickerson, Benjamin C. Ward,
Thomas H. Soule, Elisha C. Leonard.

WARD No. 5.

Abner J. Phipps, George L. Brownell,
John Hicks, James R. Denham.

WARD No. 6.

Benjamin F. Popple, Gustavus Delano,
Robert A. Sherman, Isaac S. Cook.

CITY CLERK,

GIDEON B. SPOONER, 2D.

CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,

ISAAC M. RICHARDSON.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

FREDERICK BRYANT.

ASSESSORS.

WARD No. 1—ABRAHAM ASHLEY, 2D,
" " 2—JOHN BRYANT,
" " 3—EZRA K. DELANO,
" " 4—EDWARD MUNRO,
" " 5—TILSON DENHAM,
" " 6—JOSIAH S. BONNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

WARD No. 1—NATHANIEL H. SWIFT,
" " 2—THOMAS WEST,
" " 3—SQUIRE SANFORD,
" " 4—WILLIAM A. GORDON.
" " 5—HENRY CANNON.
" " 6—JOHN BAYLIES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WARD No. 1.—ALANSON BORDEN,
JAMES M. LAWTON,
JOHN DAVIS.

WARD No. 2.—PHILANDER BRYANT,
HENRY F. THOMAS,
WILLIAM WILLCOX.

WARD No. 3.—AMASA L. GLEASON,
JAMES TAYLOR,
AZARIAH ELDRIDGE,

WARD No. 4.—JOHN WEISS,
JONATHAN WHEELER,
BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON.

WARD No. 5.—CHARLES HAFFARDS,
WILLIAM HOWE,
EDWARD P. ABBE.

WARD No. 6.—WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
WILLIAM W. CRAPO,
ALBERT G. STANTON.

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., Mayor.
JOHN W. NICKERSON, President of the Common Council.
CRANSTON WILLCOX, Chairman of the Committee on Public Instruction.
ABNER J. PHIPPS.
JAMES B. CONGDON.
SIMPSON HART.

CITY MESSENGER.

ROBERT A. DILLINGHAM.

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

On Police—The Mayor and Aldermen Porter and Milliken.

On Licenses—Aldermen Wilcox, Wheaton and Nye.

On Enrollments—Aldermen Milliken, Porter and Swain.

On Laying Out and Widening Streets—Aldermen Swain, Wilcox and Wheaton.

Joint Standing Committees.

On Finance—The Mayor, the President of the Common Council, with Messrs. Cranston, Thomas, Hewins, Hicks and Sherman.

On Public Property—Aldermen Nye and Milliken, and Leach, Hathaway and Homer.

On Public Instruction—Aldermen Willcox and Nye, and Phipps, Collins and Hewins.

On Roads, Bridges, Main Drains and Common Sewers—The Mayor and Alderman Wheaton, and Denham, Topham and Howard.

On Accounts—Aldermen Porter and Swain, and Nickerson, Denham and Barrows.

On the Alms House and the Poor—Aldermen Porter and Willcox, and Popple, Howland and Ward.

On Burial Grounds—Aldermen Wheaton and Swain, and Topham, Delano and Brownell.

On the Fire Department—The Mayor and Alderman Porter, and Hicks, Homer and Soule.

On Lighting the Streets—Aldermen Milliken and Nye, and Soule, Leonard and Slocum.

On Printing—Alderman Nye, and Barrows and Cook.

Standing Committees of the Common Council.

On Elections and Returns—Homer, Leach and Delano.

On Bills in the Second Reading—Thomas, Hathaway and Collins.

On Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions—Phipps, Popple and Ward.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

It is made the duty of the Committee on Finance, agreeably to the 24th chapter of the Revised Ordinances, in the month of March annually, to "prepare and lay before the City Council a statement of all the receipts and expenditures of the preceding financial year."

The Committee on Finance, therefore, in compliance with said Ordinance, present to the City Council the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending on the first day of March, 1855.

Whole amount of receipts into the Treasury is two hundred fifty-six thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents. The expenditures amount to two hundred fifty-three thousand eight hundred four dollars and three cents, leaving a balance in the Treasury of two thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars and seventy-one cents.

Permanent loans have been ordered and negotiated the past year for the following purposes:—For completing French Avenue, five thousand dollars; for Main Drains and Common Sewers, twelve thousand dollars; for the purchase of lots and the erection of

School Houses, nine thousand dollars, six thousand six hundred of which only have been negotiated, making whole amount of permanent loans one hundred sixteen thousand six hundred eight dollars and forty-six cents.

Temporary loans of fifteen thousand and two thousand dollars, have been made, to meet the wants of the treasury on account of the excess in the expenditures in the Fire Department, over the appropriations for new Engine House, additional Reservoirs, and other apparatus for the Department, of some thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, and building the Beach Road, so called, which cost about three thousand five hundred dollars, which, added to the permanent loans, makes the indebtedness of the City, one hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred eight dollars and forty-six cents.

Herewith you have the Report of the Sub-Committee commissioned to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, also the Report of the Sub-Committee to prepare a "schedule of the Property, real and personal, belonging to the City and the value thereof."

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY FOR 1854.

From City and County Taxes for 1850,	$33 68	
From City and County Taxes for 1851,	181 07	
From City and County Taxes for 1852,	418 07	
From City, County and State Taxes for 1853,	1,203 97	
From City, County and State Taxes for 1854,	176,929 84	178,766 63
From the Support of the Poor,	4,195 25	
From the City Liquor Agency,	10,616 16	
From Main Drains and Common Sewers,	9,613 88	
From Support of Public Schools,	848 19	
From Lighting the Streets,	226 45	
From Public Cemeteries,	472 00	
From Fire Department,	508 05	
From Repairs of Highways,	4,319 18	
From City Watch,	26 18	
From Incidental Expense Account,	5,027 69	
From Temporary Loans,	17,000 00	
From Permanent Loans,	23,600 00	
Balance in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st, 1854.	1,020 08	77,473 11
		$256,239 74

EXPENDITURES FROM THE TREASURY IN 1854.

County Tax,	12,915 50	
State Tax,	6,945 00	19,860 50
For Support of the Poor,		14,863 50
For Fire Department,		24,863 96
For City Liquor Agency,		9,715 21
For Free Public Library,		1,721 13
For Free Public Schools,		35,698 71
For Pine Grove Cemetery,		75 99
For Rural Cemetery,		10 50
For City Debt,		12,128 92
For Main Drains and Common Sewers,		20,918 22
For amount expended on French Avenue,		5,828 50
For amount expended on Beach Road,		3,500 00
For Repairs of Highways,		39,563 08
For amount paid Temporary Loans,		12,431 67
For Incidental Expenses,		31,582 85
For City Watch,		10,712 28
For Lighting the Streets,		10,329 01
Balance in the Treasury,		2,435 71
		$256,239 74

All which is respectfully submitted.

Per order of the Finance Committee,

RODNEY FRENCH, Mayor, *Chairman.*

New Bedford, March 24, 1855.

The Sub-Committee from the Committee of Finance have examined the accounts of the City Clerk and Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1855, and find them correct.

Annexed they present the following schedule of payments with a copy of the Treasurer's account.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. WILLCOX, } Sub
J. W. NICKERSON, } Committee.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 31st, 1855.

Dr. CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, in account from 3d mo. 1st, 1854,

To Cash paid the County Tax for 1854,			12,915 50
To Cash paid the State Tax for 1854,			6,945 00
To Cash paid Mayor's Drafts and charged to the following appropriations, viz:—			
Support of the Poor,		14,863 50	
Fire Department,		24,863 96	
City Liquor Agency,		9,715 21	
Free Public Library,		1,721 13	
Free Public Schools,		35,698 71	
Pine Grove Cemetery,		75 99	
Rural Cemetery,		10 50	
City Debt,		12,128 92	
Main Drains and Common Sewers,		20,918 22	
City Watch,		10,712 28	
Lighting the Streets,		10,329 01	
Repairs of Highways,		48,891 58	
Temporary Loans,	72,000 00		
Interest on do.	1,108 90		
Ordinary Incidental expenses including the purchase of a lot and the erection of the City Stable, $4,497 25,	30,905 62		
		104,014 52	
			293,943 53
Amount allowed for prompt payment of Taxes,			4,185 54
Amount remitted for 1854,			2,481 88
Balance of uncollected Taxes for 1854, new account,			5,715 09
Balance Cash in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st. 1855,			2,435 71
			$328,623 06

CHARLES F. WILLCOX, Treasurer.

NEW BEDFORD, 3d mo. 1st, 1855.

to 3d mo. 1st, 1855, with CHARLES F. WILLCOX, Treas. and Col'r, Cr.

By balance in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st, 1854,		1,020 08
By amount of City, County and State Taxes for 1854 including all Taxes assessed since regular assessment,		189,313 16
Support of the Poor—		
Amount received from sales from City Alms House Farm for support of Poor from other towns and Hospital patients,	2,059 36	
Amount received from the Commonwealth for support of State Paupers,	2,131 89	
Amount received from Peneton & Brooks, error in their bill,	4 00	4,195 25
City Liquor Agency—		
Amount received from the Agent,		10,616 16
Main Drains and Common Sewers—		
Amount received from sundry persons, abuttors,	9,598 21	
Amount received from sundry persons for stone,	13 50	
Amount received from Pierce & Keene, error in their bill,	2 17	9,613 88
Support of Public Schools—		
Amount received from the Commonwealth from School Fund,	821 52	
Amount received from Eliza Lewis, error in her bill,	26 67	848 19
Lighting the Streets—		
Amount received from the Superintendent,	213 20	
Amount received from sundry persons for damage to Lanterns,	13 25	226 45
Public Cemeteries—		
Amount received from the Superintendent, for sale of lots,		472 00
Fire Department—		
Amount received from Firemen's Roll from 5th mo. 1st, '48, to 5th mo. 1st, '53, inclusive,	475 18	
Amount received from J. B. Ashley, over pay to Dennis Sullivan,	3 62	
Amount received from Gibbs Taber, for stone,	29 25	508 05
Repairs of Highways—		
Amount received from the Superintendent,	4,016 50	
Amount received from the N. B. Gas Light Co., for stone and labor,	23 85	
Amount received from sundry persons for dirt and stone,	179 89	
Amount received from Shaw & Whitridge, error in their bill,	98 94	4,319 18
City Watch—		
Amount received from Taber & Co., error in their bill,		26 13
Temporary Loans,		60,000 00
Permanent Loans—		
Main Drains and Common Sewers,	12,000 00	
Repairs of Highways, French Avenue,	5,000 00	
Support of Public Schools,	6,600 00	23,600 00
Temporary Loans,		17,000 00
Amount received from City, County and State Taxes from 1850 to 1853 inclusive,		1,836 79
Incidentals—		
Amount received from sundry persons for rent of land,		356 00
Amount received from the Clerk of the Market, for Stall Rent,		416 00
Amount received for unsettled Taxes,		9 00
Amount received from sundry Rolls returned,		68 57
Amount received from City Clerk for Licenses, warming and use of Hall,		1,093 41
Amount received from the Commonwealth, Militia Bounty and Armory Rent		965 84
Amount received for the support of the Insane at the State Lunatic Hospital,		121 44
Amount received from Clerk of Police Court, fees &c.,		1,220 35
Amount received from E. S. Willcox, Clerk pro tem. Police Court, fees, &c.,		12 75
Amount received from City Marshal, fines, costs &c.,		740 68
Amount received from the N. B. Gas Light Co., discount allowed,		5 99
Amount received from Booth & Hathaway for screws, brackets, &c.,		17 66
		$328,623 06

3d mo. 1st, 1855. By the above balance, $2,435 71.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
3d mo. 1st, 1855.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of the City Ordinances, I have the honor to submit to you my account as City Treasurer and Collector for the financial year 1854–'55.

There is due from Abuttors for their proportion of the cost of constructing Main Drains and Common Sewers, five thousand four hundred sixty-two dollars and forty-six cents.

The amount of uncollected Taxes will be seen from the following statement, viz:

For the year 1849,		$14 14	
			14 14
For the year 1850,		163 06	
Remittance,	7 50		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	33 68	41 18	
			121 88
For the year 1851,		537 62	
Remittance,	34 50		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	181 07	215 57	
			322 05
For the year 1852,		1,231 67	
Remittance,	87 07		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	418 08	505 15	
			726 52
For the year 1853,		2,790 35	
Remittance,	123 24		
Cash paid into the Treasury,	1,203 97	1,327 21	
			1,463 14
For the year 1854,			
From non-residents and persons not to be found,		1,319 27	
From persons absent,		2,796 83	
From persons at home and unsettled Estates,		1,599 80	
			5,715 90
			$8,363 63

Respectfully,

CHARLES F. WILLCOX, Treasurer.

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

John F. Emerson,	$906 66	H. S. Macomber,	$201 66
Ebenezer Hervey,	900 00	Mary A. Underwood,	268 88
Ivory S. Cornish,	884 98	P. B. Cathell,	181 11
N. Lincoln, Jr.	799 95	J. S. Macomber,	268 88
William H. Chamberlin,	699 98	Mary E. Cranston,	256 65
S. Hutchinson,	841 97	Mary E. Allen,	218 88
John N. Brown,	471 11	Fidelia A. Homer,	93 32
G. S. Newcomb,	784 44	Betsey T. Wing,	220 54
J. S. Barrell,	699 98	Mary A. Crowell,	218 89
Mary T. Congdon,	350 65	Margaret T. Barker,	213 32
Anna M. Bailey,	319 54	Susan R. Nichols,	218 88
Caroline E. Bonney,	270 00	Julia E. Norton,	42 77
Eliza J. D. Shepherd,	299 99	Louise E. Coleman,	224 99
Helen M. Gordon,	299 99	Amanda J. Clark,	193 88
Sarah D. Ottiwell,	300 01	Sarah M. Simmons,	194 79
Annie R. Commerford,	299 99	Susan E. Brown,	176 10
Abbie M. Nelson,	368 88	E. C. Lewis,	220 55
H. B. Robinson,	368 88	Laura F. Bryant,	156 67
Mary R. Howe,	226 10	Mary E. Smith,	163 32
E. C. Babcock,	214 44	Abby F. Bryant,	168 85
Lucy T. Clark,	183 88	Mary E. Brady,	146 65
Julia A. M. Clark,	223 88	T. W. Hatch,	28 00
Dorothy P. King,	268 88	Jane M. Cook,	201 65
Sarah H. Hewins,	268 88	Joannah P. Nash,	136 66
Hannah W. Payson,	268 88	Maria F. Lothrop,	89 98
H. P. Cushman,	268 88	Lucy A. Manchester,	218 88
Margaret P. White,	61 11	Emma M. Converse,	491 11
Abby S. Tobey,	293 88	Alice H. Bryant,	73 33
Harriet N. Covell,	268 87	Eliza H. Tobey,	226 66
Sarah B. Woods,	61 11	W. W. Warren,	375 00
Mary B. White,	268 88	Miranda A. Williams,	207 77
Anna M. Bonney,	264 43	Sarah Brett,	209 99
Abbie C. Mayhew,	50 00	Mary C. Packard,	61 11
Sarah C. Haskins,	48 88	Elizabeth B. Spooner,	61 22
Clarissa S. Staples,	218 88	Sophia E. Haffards,	103 33
Cornelia G. Winslow,	171 10	Lucinda C. Perry,	113 32
Susan T. Sherman,	256 65	Sylvia A. Chace,	113 33
Anna M. Harlow,	168 88	Abby A. K. Howard,	110 00
E. Emily Cushman,	199 98	Eleanor Commerford,	108 64
Harriet N. Allen,	226 38	Charlotte C. Carr,	94 00
Mary C. Slocum,	218 32	Mary A. Sanford,	94 67
Annie R. Thornton,	254 44	Sarah M. B. Denham,	12 44
Lydia P. Brown,	94 44	A. J. Borden,	146 66
Caroline S. Randall,	193 87	Amanda Hinckley,	146 66
Eliza B. Dexter,	81 67	Susan M. Tompkins,	58 31
Cordelia A. Morton,	201 11	Ruth H. Brady,	17 77
Jane M. Gardner,	146 65	H. S. Manchester,	73 33
Mary J. Chace,	148 33	Mary Y. Lothrop,	40 00
Elizabeth M. Slocum,	13 32	Emeline H. Richardson,	26 66
Lucy E. Sherman,	15 00	Susan T. Congdon,	50 22
Mary E. Savery,	299 99	M. A. Williams,	10 50
Elizabeth Howland,	293 32		
Clara D. Corey,	300 00		$24,362 09

Amount brought forward,		$24,362 09

FUEL.

Samuel T. Delano, charcoal,	6 00	
C. K. Turner & Co., wood,	21 25	
Benjamin Reynolds, charcoal,	37 08	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	1,695 38	
Meltiah Hathaway, wood,	4 37	
John H. Perry & Co., coal,	22 50	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	285 09	
Rodolphus Ashley, wood,	27 00	
		2,098 67

COMMITTEES.

George H. Eldridge,	80 00	
Daniel C. Burt,	20 00	
Amasa L. Gleason,	100 00	
R. C. Pitman,	20 00	
William P. Howland,	20 00	
Lineas Wood,	20 00	
Joshua C. Stone,	20 00	
Moses G. Thomas,	20 00	
Alanson Borden,	35 00	
Edwin L. Barney,	20 00	
Walter Mitchell,	20 00	
Henry T. Wood,	20 00	
Wheelock Craige,	20 00	
Horatio A. Kempton,	65 00	
Henry R. Wilcox,	25 00	
George H. Dunbar,	20 00	
Charles Haffards,	37 50	
William Howe, Committee and Librarian,	30 00	
		592 50

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

William Howe,		793 01

STOVES, PIPES, &c.

Taber & Co., pipe, stoves and repairs,	175 03	
Richmond & Almy, stoves, pipe and repairs,	658 96	
		833 99

LAND.

Thomas Knowles, land to enlarge William Street School House Lot,	350 00	
George A. Bourne, land for Cedar Street School House,	606 00	
Thomas Kempton, land for Cedar Street School House,	199 33	
Jabez Hathaway, Bellville School House,	200 00	
		1,355 33
		$30,035 59

Amount brought forward, $30,035 59

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

Caleb Maxfield, chairs, &c.	103 53	
Reuben Howland, clocks,	37 00	
James H. Collins, hooks, &c.	7 16	
William Knights, chairs, settees, &c.	65 35	
James Fales, Jr. repairing clock,	1 00	
Estate of Silas Sisson, iron fence,	157 04	
Gamaliel Lincoln, repairing Acushnet School House,	15 57	
Gideon T. Sawyer,	49 52	
George D. Swift, iron work,	1 12	
Chapman & Burt, bocking,	3 40	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	117 87	
Charles Haffards, rope, &c.	21 30	
William Tallman, Jr. hardware,	15 70	
Job Sisson, Jr. iron work,	1 08	
Lineas Wood, painting,	341 44	
H. Russell & Co., painting,	63 00	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber, &c.	114 25	
Pierce & Keen, labor,	75	
Joseph Allen, Jr. & Co., flagging,	3 20	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., step,	6 60	
James D'Wolf, glazing,	56	
Fairfield & Nelson, repairing,	36 08	
Gibbs Taber, repairing,	609 31	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	20 72	
Nathan Lewis, grates,	6 00	
Perry Brownell, stock, labor and drain, William Street School House,	219 69	
Timothy D. Cook, repairing,	258 88	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	1 20	
J. F. Delany, gas fixtures,	4 80	
Benjamin Dexter, clock,	3 25	
Green & Wood, lumber,	41 66	
Jacob L. Ross, desks and seats,	408 34	
Franklin Jenney, labor,	148 27	
John K. Cushing, labor and lumber,	632 14	
James Warren, glazing,	71	
Augustus Robinson, lumber and labor,	13 56	
D. H. Myers, labor,	2 38	
William R. Pitman, clocks and repairing,	24 50	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., fence &c.	31 14	
		3,589 07

CLEANING, WHITEWASHING, SWEEPING, MAKING FIRES, &c.

Edward Simpson, making fires,	111 01	
Jesse Richardson, making fires,	27 00	
James M. Pierce, making fires and sweeping,	36 00	
Francis Jackson, making fires and cleaning,	239 37	
Charles F. Tuckwell, making fires and sweeping,	33 99	
Henry Johnson, making fires, getting in coal and cleaning,	108 82	
	556 19	
		$33,624 66

Amount brought forward,	$556 19	$33,624 66
Andrew B. Grinnell, getting in coal,	1 50	
John Caton, sweeping,	4 00	
Margaret Coughlen, sweeping,	4 00	
Lydia Handy, sweeping,	2 00	
Hannah Morrison, sweeping,	4 00	
George Ricketson, sweeping,	4 00	
Mercy Francis, sweeping,	22 00	
Charles Merrick, sweeping,	4 00	
Gideon P. Underwood, sweeping and ringing bell,	8 00	
A. C. Mayhew, sweeping,	3 63	
Samuel Benjamin, sweeping,	2 00	
Daniel D. Briggs, sweeping,	2 00	
Harriet E. R. Johnson, sweeping,	10 00	
Francis Williams, sweeping,	2 00	
Mary T. Congdon, sweeping,	4 00	
Hannah A. Baker, sweeping,	2 00	
James E. Brett, making fires,	4 50	
Mrs. McEllery, making fires,	2 50	
Samuel Brown, shavings,	4 50	
Otis B. Davis, sweeping,	4 00	
James Turner, making fires,	11 50	
George W. Tuckwell, sweeping,	12 50	
Martha Dixon, sweeping,	14 00	
John H. Benson, making fires,	36 00	
Benjamin Dunlap, shoveling snow,	5 00	
George E. Ellinwood, sweeping,	10 00	
Edward P. Clark, ringing bell,	4 00	
Sarah H. Hewins, sweeping,	2 00	
Gabrilla Douglass, sweeping,	4 00	
John B. Peckham, sweeping,	4 00	
Deborah Carr, sweeping,	6 00	
Horace Haskell, sweeping,	2 00	
Bridget M'Elerry, making fires,	12 50	
Philena Madison, sweeping,	2 00	
Hannah Price, sweeping,	2 00	
Precilla Williams, sweeping,	4 00	
George F. Caswell, making fires,	4 00	
Albert Tripp, ringing bell,	2 00	
William Bioveus, cleaning,	26 50	
Benjamin F. Terry, sweeping,	4 00	
Levin Betts, cleaning,	66 25	
Eben B. Cook, making fires and sweeping,	5 00	
John Macomber, cleaning,	14 50	
Daniel Hathaway, cleaning,	30 00	
George L. Carpenter, sweeping and making fires,	13 50	
William A. Chamberlin, sweeping,	18 00	
Levina Hands, cleaning,	5 00	
Matilda Macomber, cleaning,	6 00	
William O. Bell, sweeping,	2 00	
Mercy Taylor, cleaning,	5 00	
Isaac S. Tobey, cleaning well,	5 00	
Gideon T. Sawyer, whitewashing,	4 08	
Otis S. Ashley, making fires,	8 00	
Thomas Wood, sweeping,	2 00	
Margaret Sheny, sweeping,	2 00	
Agnes S. Clark, sweeping,	4 00	
	1,004 15	

Amount brought forward,	$1,004 15	$33,624 66
James Thorpe, sweeping,	2 00	
Mary Ann Taylor, sweeping,	2 00	
Susan Wrightington, sweeping,	4 00	
Francis Banton, sweeping,	6 00	
William F. Clark, sweeping,	8 00	
Enoch Macomber, sweeping,	2 00	
Charles L. Eldridge, sweeping,	2 00	
Hannah E. Clark, sweeping,	2 00	
Horatio A. Kempton, whitewashing and cleaning,	62 40	
William Brownell, sweeping,	2 00	
Adeline A. Hathaway, sweeping,	2 00	
John Carson, making fires,	14 00	
Robert Kelley, sweeping,	2 00	
William H. Stewart, making fires,	8 16	
Joseph H. A. Kelley, sweeping,	2 00	
William Smith, making fires,	8 75	
James C. Burt, making fires,	2 00	
George S. Doten, sweeping,	2 50	
A. Parsons, sweeping,	1 00	
Thomas K. Snow, sweeping,	2 50	
Lydia Blanchard, sweeping,	1 00	
Mary Dunbar, sweeping,	2 00	
Hope Leachman, sweeping,	4 00	
Ambrose Tripp, sweeping,	4 00	
William A. Garlick, making fires and getting in coal,	12 58	
Charlotte A. Jones, cleaning,	4 00	
Ruth S. Tripp, sweeping,	3 00	
Charles M. Pierce, whitewashing, &c.	43 12	
H. N. R. Tasker, making fires,	8 55	
Herbert Smith, sweeping,	2 00	
C. K. Turner & Co., whitewashing, &c.	28 22	
		1,253 93

INCIDENTALS.

Benjamin G. Wilson, rent for Library,	100 00	
David R. Greene, land rent,	125 00	
Charles Haffards, sundries,	6 32	
James Harper, services,	6 25	
Daniel C. Burt, sundries and taking census,	86 50	
Emma M. Converse, drawing students,	11 48	
A. L. Gleason and H. T. Wood, expenses to procure teachers	3 00	
Horatio A. Kempton, sundries,	16 03	
Squire Gifford, carting,	19 15	
James Ashley, trees,	12 00	
Hathaway & Sherman, horse hire,	4 00	
Jonathan Reynolds, trees,	22 00	
Anthony & McAfee, trees,	3 00	
Moses G. Thomas, expenses to Boston for teacher,	7 85	
Walter Mitchell, expenses to Boston for teacher,	10 00	
Gas Light Company, gas for adult school,	31 44	
Martin Kingman, brooms and brushes,	9 23	
M. G. Thomas and R. C. Pitman, expenses to procure teacher,	14 87	
George Tappan, mats, &c.	23 50	
Robert C. Pitman, piano forte,	83 00	
	594 62	
		$34,878 59

Amount brought forward,	$594 62	$34,878 59
Gifford & Topham, keys,	5 20	
Allen & Bliss, brooms, brushes, &c.	41 48	
John M. Hathaway, horse and carriage,	2 75	
Nathaniel Moulton, carting,	1 25	
G. S. Newcomb, apparatus,	20 25	
Lemuel Gammons, rent,	30 00	
Chamberlain & Retcher, instruments,	27 40	
Benjamin Lindsey, printing,	13 25	
Hatch, Gray, & Co., express,	1 00	
William H. Sherman, & Co., horse hire,	1 00	
S. A. Tripp & Co., dust pans,	2 25	
J. M. Wightman, steam engine,	25 00	
Joshua Gibbs 3d., horse hire,	11 75	
Thomas C. Allen, brushes,	1 00	
Wood, Brightman & Co., lead,	58	
Geerge A. Bourne, interest,	4 93	
A. L. Gleason, sundries,	56	
B. G. Hathaway, sundry articles for different schools,	35 85	
		820 12
		$35,698 71
Balance to new account,		9,157 91
		$44,856 62

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	2,408 43	
By Annual Appropriation,	35,000 00	
By amount received from the Commonwealth,	821 52	
By amount of error in E. Lewis' bill,	26 67	
By amount received for permanent loans from sundry persons,	6,60 0 00	
		44,856 62
By Balance brought down,		$9,157 91

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' Salaries,	24,368 09
Fuel,	2,098 67
Committee,	592 50
Books and Stationery,	793 01
Alterations and Repairs,	3,589 07
Stoves, Pipe, &c.	833 99
Cleaning, whitewashing, sweeping, &c.	1,253 93
Land for new school houses,	1,349 33
Incidentals,	820 12
	$35,698 71

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

LABOR AND NURSING.

John Blanding, farmer,	$228 00	
James Clapp, cook,	32 00	
William M. Allen, nursing,	266 00	
Betsey Mesland, nursing,	68 85	
Abraham Reed, farmer,	220 00	
Earl C. Briggs, nursing and labor,	296 73	
Solomon Cummings, nursing,	7 00	
William Hall,	40 00	
Hannah Coughlan, nursing,	3 00	
William Baine, nursing,	6 00	
William Duffy, labor,	94 50	
		1,262 08

FUEL.

Lemuel Barker, 2d. wood,	231 08	
Abraham Russell, coal,	82 81	
Richard M. Delano, charcoal,	16 67	
Barrows & Corey, wood,	62 10	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	1,995 57	
N. T. Gifford, wood,	9 50	
F. & G. R. Taber, coal,	174 30	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal,	76 00	
John Macomber, wood,	38 19	
Paul M. Burns, wood,	1,082 27	
Sherman White, wood,	28 03	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	25 22	
		3,821 74

SALARIES.

Earl C. Briggs, keeper of the Alms House,	500 00	
B. K. Sayer, chaplain,	15 00	
		515 00

SCAVENGER CARTS.

Othniel Moulton, teamer,	28 00	
John Cook, teamer,	26 25	
Elkanah Gifford, teamer,	26 25	
Benjamin H. Clark, teamer,	23 75	
Joseph Brownell, iron work,	22 21	
Joshua Potter, rent,	20 00	
Perry G. Macomber, grain,	22 04	
Doty & Cole, runners,	27 25	
John Faunce, hay,	57 79	
		253 54
		$5,852 36

Amount brought forward,		$5,852 36

PHYSICIANS AND MEDICINES.

J. S. Mayhew, physician,	$8 00	
Daniel Thornton, medicines,	26 16	
William P. S. Cadwell, medicines,	36 28	
Rotch & Sisson, physicians,	5 00	
William A. Gordon, physician,	643 30	
Thornton & Gerrish, medicines,	96 97	
N. B. Mayhew, medicines,	2 33	
Charles H. Church & Co., medicines,	1 78	
Lyman Bartlett, physician,	5 00	
		824 82
Support of persons out of the Alms House,		1,996 84

INCIDENTALS.

Samuel Bliss, undertaker,	45 00	
Andrew B. Grinnell, horse and carriage,	75	
H. V. Davis & Co., pails,	2 38	
John Holmes, care of Overseers' room,	60 00	
William Knights, bedsteads,	15 60	
William Wilcox, planks and boards,	19 50	
James H. Collins, hardware,	24 67	
Obed Nye, wood, and horse and carriage,	6 83	
Seth Hathaway, difference between horses,	100 00	
Job Sisson, Jr., iron work	66 32	
Nathan Lewis, repairing stoves,	7 44	
Benjamin G. Wilson, undertaker,	103 25	
Buffington & Cook, mason work,	108 86	
Chapman & Burt, dry goods,	199 66	
W. & G. D. Watkins, axles,	22 55	
New Bedford and Taunton Branch Railroad Co., tickets,	57 40	
William Hall, socks,	6 02	
Henry Childs, shoes and boots,	14 82	
Thomas P. Terry, shoeing oxen,	14 66	
Amos C. Baker, oakum stock,	39 75	
Sherman & Bliss, carriage,	7 00	
William Tallman, Jr., hardware,	64 11	
Gamaliel Taber, undertaker,	100 50	
Francis W. Hatch, carrying paupers to State Alms House,	88 00	
Paul Ewer & Co., leather,	20 49	
Henry C. Kelley, dry goods,	102 54	
Gifford & Topham,	29 20	
William Green, shoveling coal,	1 25	
Thomas Cogal, shoveling coal,	1 87	
William Divine, shoveling coal,	1 87	
Oliver Swain, boots and shoes,	81 83	
Jacob Parker, powder,	4 75	
William A. Gordon, expenses to Provincetown,	27 61	
Earl C. Briggs, cow,	30 38	
Doty & Cole, repairs,	1 42	
Pardon Devol, boots and shoes,	90 20	
Green & Wood, lumber,	85 07	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging,	8 44	
	1,661 99	
		$8,674 02

Amount brought forward,	$1,661 99	$3,674 02
Samuel S. Bliss, horse and carriage,	$9 00	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	12 24	
John D. Macomber, carrying persons from Alms House to rail road	3 00	
Ebenezer W. Davis, cleaning bed,	1 00	
Dunham & Chase, setting glass,	4 50	
William A. Gordon, register,	5 50	
Repairs of Highways, carting wood,	101 40	
William F. Drown, wicking,	3 65	
John M. Hathaway, horse and carriage,	5 50	
Joseph Cundell, carting,	51	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	87 31	
Thomas C. Allen, repairing,	15 00	
Wood, Brightman & Co., tin and labor,	156 23	
Lineas Wood, paints and labor,	51 87	
George M. Eddy, dry goods,	67 03	
S. A. Tripp & Co., tin,	5 11	
Taber & Grinnell, iron plates,	19 51	
Simpson Hart, duck,	2 93	
Benjamin Durfee, whale oil,	27 30	
Salisbury Brown,	1 00	
Howland & Palmer, castings,	3 06	
John Macomber, attendance,	2 00	
George Tappan, crockery,	3 37	
Edward S. Cannon & Co., hats and caps,	21 12	
J. H. Perry & Co., brush,	20	
Allen & Bliss, crockery,	10 49	
Samuel S. Paine, brick and lime,	28 98	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	68 71	
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., horse hire,	1 25	
Robert C. Topham, grindstones,	34 25	
David M. Gifford, horse hire,	4 50	
Kelley & Swift, dry goods,	125 76	
Earl C. Briggs, supplies,	194 39	
William A. Gordon, horse hire,	16 25	
		2,755 91

PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES.

I. D. Hall & Co., groceries,	342 05	
Perry G. Macomber, flour and grain,	1,287 81	
Barrows & Cory, groceries,	680 98	
S. G. Nye, beef, &c.	186 89	
William F. Drown, cheese,	7 50	
T. B. Wilcox, fish, &c.	26 50	
A. H. Seabury & Co., groceries,	435 88	
Luther S. Chase, fish,	52 73	
Shaw & Brother, groceries,	54 02	
Humphrey & Brother, butter,	12 48	
Shaw & Whitridge, flour,	196 75	
Earl C. Briggs, turkeys and beef,	22 90	
Nicholas Davis, meat,	71 10	
Stephen Wood, meat,	55 98	
		3,433 57
		$14,863 50
Balance to new account,		3,370 85
		$18,234 35

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$39 10	
By Amount received from Commonwealth,	2,131 89	
By Amount received from sales from Alms House,	455 26	
By Amount received from other towns, Hospital patients, &c.	1,604 10	
By Annual Appropriation,	11,000 00	
By Transfer from Incidental Expense account,	3,000 00	
By Amount received from Peneton & Brooks, error in bill,	4 00	
		$18,234 35
By balance brought down,		$3,370 85

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and Nursing,	$1,262 08
Fuel,	3,821 74
Salaries,	515 00
Scavenger Carts,	253 54
Physicians and Medicines,	824 82
Provisions and Groceries,	3,433 57
Support of persons out of Alms House,	1,996 84
Incidentals,	2,755 91
Amount of expenditures,	$14,863 50

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

LABOR AND TEAM WORK.

A. B Reed, clearing snow,	$5 00	
Philip T. Davis, labor and team work,	52 75	
Calvin Staples, roll clearing snow,	40 63	
Thomas Dean, labor,	56 25	
George W. Davis, labor,	57 50	
Warren Ashley, clearing snow,	5 56	
Othniel Moulton, labor,	40 00	
Elkanah Gifford, labor,	31 25	
John Cook, labor,	31 25	
Benjamin H. Clark, labor,	36 25	
Squire Gifford, clearing snow,	17 27	
Calvin Staples, roll labor,	144 21	
Rodolphus Ashley, roll labor, &c.,	24,371 80	
Benjamin F. King, clearing snow,	6 00	
William Canty, labor,	6 62	
John F. Vinal, clearing snow,	10 00	
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	7 91	
John F. Underwood, carting,	6 97	
John Tripp, carting,	5 00	
William H. Duffy, labor,	4 38	
Joseph Cundell, clearing snow and carting,	3 30	
		$24,939 90

FLAGGING, CURBING AND PAVING STONES.

Amount brought forward,		$24,939 90
Barjona D. Tripp, paving stones,	1,514 04	
Lemuel Gammons, curbing,	2,707 80	
John Taylor, flagging,	4,859 66	
Joseph Allen Jr., & Co., flagging,	705 58	
Seth A. Hubbard, flagging,	1,200 24	
John N. Standish, flagging,	62 92	
George Howland, Jr., flagging,	74 26	
Obed Sherman, flagging,	2 16	
North Christian Society, flagging,	43 28	
John H. Clifford, flagging,	56 52	
John Taylor, flagging,	56 26	
James Howland, Jr., flagging,	49 16	
		11,331 88

INCIDENTALS.

Thomas P. Terry, iron work,	38 95	
Nathaniel Andrews, Jr., damage,	8 00	
James H. Collins, hardware, &c.	1 52	
B. Ryder, wheelbarrows,	6 00	
J. F. Terry, & Co., bucket, &c.,	92	
Brayton B. Wordell, damage cutting down Arnold street,	250 00	
Job L. Shaw, hoe,	60	
David M. Gifford, two horses and cart,	710 00	
Rodolphus Ashley, two pair oxen and keeping,	452 00	
B. D. Hathaway, blacksmithing,	77 45	
Joseph Brownell, two carts,	250 00	
William Wilcox, two horses, waggon and harnesses,	425 00	
Joshua Gifford, hay,	31 33	
Joshua Potter, rent of stable,	6 67	
Isaac Case, hay,	40 73	
William Tallman, Jr., shovels, hoes, &c.	40 91	
Perry G. Macomber, grain,	146 19	
Othniel Moulton, pig,	5 50	
Abraham Estes, dirt,	36 56	
A. Brownell, hay and straw,	62 81	
Allen Lucas, lime,	5 68	
Shaw & Whitridge, grain,	574 62	
George J. Allen, hay,	31 05	
Holder Howland, hay,	45 50	
Jeduthan Spooner, gravel,	49 88	
Levi Hawes, hay,	72 55	
Jacob Parker, powder,	201 75	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	387 17	
George W. Estes, weighing stones,	17 98	
Chapman & Burt, bed and bedding,	9 75	
William Gifford, 2d., lumber and labor,	9 89	
Benjamin Wilson, hay,	25 13	
A. Hathaway, logs,	12 37	
George E. Swift, iron work,	55 29	
Booth & Hathaway, lumber and repairing house,	8 46	
Simeon Brown, iron work,	35 57	
	4,133 78	
		$36,271 78

Amount brought forward,	$4,133 78	$36,271 78
R. Ashley, hay,	12 77	
C. T. Gammons, gravel,	49 25	
G. P. Tripp, gravel,	20 00	
John Green, hog,	12 00	
Jacob Holmes, hay,	20 97	
F. & G. R. Taber, weighing stones,	2 44	
William P. Doty, repairing,	12 17	
Robert Tripp, stones,	1 50	
M. Burgess, stones,	2 00	
Calvin Staples, stones,	2 00	
David Wilson, gravel,	48 79	
John Green, stones,	7 50	
James Howland, stones,	80	
Nicholas Tallman, stones,	4 20	
Mrs. James, stones,	2 10	
Rodney French, stones,	4 40	
William Watson, stones,	1 20	
John Taylor, measuring stones,	22 05	
Hiram Sherman, stones,	1 50	
Francis Rodman, land,	350 00	
Isaac Evans, harnesses and repairing,	96 23	
Doty & Cole, repairing, &c.	111 37	
R. Ashley, sundry articles for stable,	20 84	
William Durfee, surveying and plan of Ray street,	41 00	
J. S. Ashley, posts,	10 00	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	10 35	
Joseph Richardson, weighing,	8 75	
Levi Chace, gravel,	2 96	
Leonard Luscomb, gravel,	10 92	
A. H. Seabury & Co., grain,	292 37	
Stephen McFarlin, meal,	81 97	
Nathan Lewis, stove, pipe, &c.	51 69	
Otis Irish, oil,	88	
Sullings & Kingman, shovels, hoes, &c.	114 50	
Dean & Sawyer, repairing iron work,	11 05	
William D. Sherman, sharpening picks,	10 31	
Horatio A. Kempton, plank,	61 80	
Henry S. Packard, oil,	4 86	
Rotche's Wharf, wharfage on flagging,	41 51	
David M. Gifford, carrots,	6 75	
Job Sisson, Jr., iron work,	114 28	
Lemuel Gammons, covering stones,	296 71	
Benjamin Terry, covering stones,	6 80	
William H. Gifford, hay,	69 09	
J. Brightman, straw,	13 70	
John Taylor, labor on flagging stones,	11 75	
Simeon Hawes, hay,	33 35	
C. K. Turner & Co., stones,	3 00	
C. Taber & Co., stationery,	6 19	
Hayden Coggeshall, gravel,	167 60	
Green & Wood, timber,	97	
John Rotch, lighting lamps,	4 25	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	2 60	
Frederick Miller, damage on house,	10 00	
Joseph Clark, powder,	2 00	
B. F. Corson & Co., carting flagging,	2 51	
	6,446 33	

Amount brought forward,	$6,446 33	$36,271 78
Thomas C. Allen, repairing harness, &c.	65 20	
Lee & Teachout, iron work,	262 44	
William Wilcox & Co., lumber,	4 78	
John A. Underwood, labor,	12 55	
		6,791 30

FRENCH AVENUE.

Jacob Parker, powder,	$4 03	
William G. Wing & Co., blasting tubes,	3 92	
Rodolphus Ashley, rolls labor	5,639 02	
L. D. Cleaveland, surveying,	3 25	
Taber & Co., blasting tubes,	1 67	
Pardon Gifford, damage sauce yard,	15 00	
John C. Haskell, stones,	41 87	
Elias Brightman, rent of stable,	6 50	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work.	51 69	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., mile and bound stones,	61 55	
		5,828 50
		$48,891 58
By balance to new account,		96 83
		$48,988 41

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$1,169 23	
By Annual Appropriation,	35,000 00	
By Loan for French Avenue,	5,000 00	
By Amount received of Rodolphus Ashley, for carting,	2,942 22	
By Amount received for dirt, stones, &c.	213 35	
By Transfer from Incidental Expenses, for building the Beach Road,	3,500 00	
By Amount received of Rodolphus Ashley, for oxen sold,	509 78	
By Amount received of Rodolphus Ashley, for pig and pork,	40 00	
By Amount received of Rodolphus Ashley, for horse keeping,	24 00	
By Amount received of R. Ashley, difference between horses,	60 00	
By Amount received of sundry persons for flagging,	430 89	
By Amount received of Shaw & Whitridge, error in bill,	98 94	
		$48,988 41
By balance brought down,		$96 83

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and team work,	$24,939 90	
Flagging, curbing and paving stones,	11,331 88	
Incidentals,	6,791 30	
	$43,063 08	
French Avenue,	5,828 50	
Amount of Expenditures,	$48,891 58	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ENGINE MEN.

Members of the Hook and Ladder Company,	$360 13	
Members of Engine Company No. 2	105 64	
" " " " " 3	576 41	
" " " " " 5	822 75	
" " " " " 6	770 75	
" " " " " 7	785 50	
" " " " " 9	709 00	
" " " " " 10	673 21	
" " " " " 11	759 00	
Board of Engineers and Clerk for same,	175 00	
Protecting Society,	48 00	
Protecting Society,	235 33	
		6,024 72

RESERVOIRS.

Jacob Parker, powder,	$61 56
George Wilson, cash and labor,	77 51
Silas Sisson, reservoir covers,	22 35
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging,	20 95
Giles A. Ennis,	39 58
Booth & Hathaway, lumber,	2 79
J. B. Ashley, pay roll, labor,	3,842 01
Delano & Pierce, labor,	843 92
Gifford & Topham, lead pipe, labor, &c.	299 79
Engine Company No. 6, pumping out reservoir,	24 00
Repairs of Highways, labor,	471 87
J. & T. Durfee, sharpening tools,	1 24
Michael Crammer, labor,	23 75
James Butts, labor,	15 00
John F. Underwood, carting,	6 35
Green & Wood, lumber,	5 28
J. & T. R. Taber, pump and fixtures,	48 53
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	153 57
Joseph Brownell & Co., horse and wagon,	3 75
Lee & Teachout, iron work,	99 35
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	7 16
Lemuel Gammons, stones,	523 11
Joseph Clarke, shears, bushing, &c.	24 97
New Bedford Cordage Company, rope,	42 08
Charles F. Tripp, covering stones,	94 82
Samuel S. Paine, cement,	3 79
John A. Underwood, covering stones,	67 76
Charles Hood, trimming and lighting lamps,	4 32
John A. Underwood, labor and stock,	10 77
Allen Lucas, cement and clay,	9 13
Bradford S. Pierce, for derrick,	27 00
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	2 50
J. G. Crapo, stones,	24 70
Silas Pittsley, brush,	4 00
John S. Ashley, brush,	2 00
	6,851 26

Amount brought forward,	$6,911 26	$6,024 72
Nathaniel W. Cobb, labor on derrick,	$5 00	
Barjona D. Tripp, stones,	8 25	
Otis Irish, oil,	21 41	
Wood, Brightman & Co., blasting tubes,	9 83	
Case & Bryant, blasting tubes,	50	
David R. Pierce, lumber and labor,	4 62	
Lighting streets, oil for William street reservoir,	5 42	
		$6,966 29

NEW ENGINE HOUSE, PURCHASE STREET.

Elizabeth Rodman, land,	$1,062 78	
Gibbs Taber, contract,	2,508 94	
Richmond & Almy, fitting furnace,	60 76	
Calvin Staples, putting down bounds,	1 50	
Howard & Tanner, painting fence, &c.	19 40	
John Taylor, flagging,	54 46	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	8 19	
Greene & Wood, plan,	8 00	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas fixtures,	42 48	
Repairs of Highways, dirt, stones and labor,	77 00	
		$3, 843 51

NEW ENGINE FOR COMPANY No. 6.

John Agnew, Engine, per contract,	$1,882 00	
Joshua B. Ashley, expenses to Philadelphia,	48 72	
Gray & Barker, work, new hose reel,	112 28	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work, new hose reel,	230 00	
Edward Munro, freight on engine,	35 50	
		$2,308 50

REPAIRS ON ENGINES, ENGINE HOUSES, AND ENGINE HOSE.

Joseph Hammond, cleaning hose,	$137 87	
Edward A. Jenney, cleaning hose,	99 25	
Sears, Bobinson & Co., lumber and labor,	339 92	
Gifford & Topham, harps, labor, &c.	64 20	
Gray & Barker, repairs and painting,	87 75	
Robert A. Dillingham, cleaning and painting,	15 00	
Alonzo Davenport, lumber and labor,	43 15	
Henry Wilson, cleaning,	6 50	
Peter Fales, painting,	65 00	
Gifford & Topham, repairs,	267 42	
Thomas P. Swift, window frame,	5 50	
Thomas Bowman, repairs,	28 49	
Nathan B. Read, cleaning hose,	3 62	
Gibbs Taber, repairs,	108 65	
Leander T. Manchester, repairs,	15 00	
Joseph Brownell & Co., cash and iron work,	313 44	
	1,600 76	
		$19,143 02

Amount brought forward,	$1,600 76	$19,143 02
Moores & Turner, labor,	13 00	
R. R. Crocker, labor,	1 50	
John Agnew, pipe and screws,	32 50	
Bowles & Munro, cleaning hose,	2 50	
James Boyd & Son, new hose,	512 62	
J. & T. Durfee, repairs,	39 93	
Lombard & Eldridge, labor,	5 00	
George Wilson, cash and labor,	20 28	
John H. Perry & Co., oil and glass,	44 69	
H. P. Willis & Son, repairing hose,	55 75	
Fairfield & Nelson, labor,	123 12	
Pierce & Keen, lumber and labor,	59 69	
F. P. Chace, betterment,	9 50	
Booth & Hathaway, labor and lumber,	8 52	
Perry Brownell, repairs,	57 31	
Benjamin B. Covell, paints and labor,	243 87	
Gifford Haskins, cleaning,	1 25	
William A. Nash, painting,	25 58	
New Bedford Cordage Company, cordage,	59 67	
Zenas Whittemore, oil and tallow,	69 12	
H. P. Willis & Son, new hose,	574 51	
Dyer & Head, repairing,	12 00	
Thomas C. Allen, new hose,	679 01	
Thomas C. Allen, repairing,	118 66	
Tillinghast Tompkins, labor,	4 30	
New Bedford and Taunton Branch Railroad, freight,	76	
		$4,375 40

INCIDENTALS.

James H. Collins, screws,	$2 00	
Weston Howland, repairing flags,	50 00	
New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas,	38 13	
Nye & Phillips, repairing flags,	5 25	
George Wilson, cash for shoveling snow, &c.	89 31	
John A. Underwood, cement pipe,	18 80	
Taber & Co., stoves, pipe, &c.	14 15	
John A. Ruggles, ringing bell,	6 00	
Squire Gifford, carting,	6 00	
T. H. Carr, ringing bell,	6 00	
William H. Manchester, ringing bell,	6 00	
Stephen G. Dunham, ringing bell,	6 00	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, ringing bell,	6 00	
John H. Perry & Co., coal,	27 74	
S. W. Heath, damage on house,	5 00	
Delany & White, gas pipe and fixtures,	84 12	
Richmond & Almy, stoves, pipe and labor,	91 59	
Joseph Brownell & Co., help at fire,	7 83	
Abraham Driscol, labor at fire,	2 50	
Doty & Cole, painting badge, &c.	15 09	
Edward S. Taber, help at fire,	13 97	
Thomas Clark, gas pipe,	10 50	
John F. Underwood, carting,	1 00	
Simeon Hawes, carting engine,	7 50	
Horatio A. Kempton, labor at fire,	7 50	
	527 98	
		$23,518 42

Amount brought forward,	$527 98	$23,518 42
Sanford Almy, labor at fire,	72 20	
New Bedford Gas Company, gas pipe,	84 95	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	66 20	
William G. Wing & Co., repairing and signal,	35 25	
Division No. 87, crackers for firemen,	26 68	
Watson & Manchester, crackers for firemen,	44 76	
R. B. Wood, coffee,	80	
William Tallman, shovels, &c.	14 21	
George Tappan, gas fixtures,	37 75	
Giles A. Ennis, carting,	18 77	
John A. Brownell, carting,	2 00	
John M. Hathaway, horse and carriage,	3 75	
Allen & Bliss, brooms, fluid, &c.	10 18	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., register,	2 25	
Hunt & Chapman, duck,	6 25	
J. B. Arnold, keys,	24 30	
Columbian Engine Company, No. 5, labor at fire,	50 40	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., labor,	60	
Nathan Lewis, conductors,	5 33	
Sullings & Kingman, pails, &c.	7 67	
James H. Hood, being disabled at fire,	20 00	
H. S. Kirby, halyards,	1 00	
Asa Coombs, back pay on engine roll,	3 75	
A. Gammons & Co., carting,	25 52	
Nathaniel Moulton, carting,	2 51	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	9 23	
Thomas Dean, clearing snow,	6 75	
J. F. Delany, gas fixtures,	33 95	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas fixtures,	48 91	
B. F. Corson, carting hose,	1 12	
Benjamin Almy, casks,	3 90	
William H. Doane, carting,	62	
J. B. Ashley and G. Hinckley, expenses in contracting for engine,	63 00	
Stephen W. Smith, gong,	12 50	
Protecting Society, back pay to members,	70 50	
		1 345 54
		$24,863 96
Balance to new account,		509 66
		$25,373 62

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$1,365 57	
By Annual Appropriation,	10,000 00	
By amount received of Frederick Bryant, due the members of the several Engine Companies, from May 1, 1848, to May 1, 1853,	475 18	
By Amount received of J. B. Ashley, over pay Dennis Sullivan,	3 62	
By Transfer from Incidental Expense account,	13,500 00	
By Amount received from Gibbs Taber, for stones,	29 25	
		25,373 62
By Balance brought down,		$509 66

RECAPITULATION.

Engine men,	6,024 72
Reservoirs,	6,966 29
New engine house,	3,843 51
New Engine,	2,308 50
Repairs of engines, houses, &c.	4,375 40
Incidentals,	1,345 54
Amount of Expenditures,	$24,863 96

LIGHTING THE STREETS.

GAS.

New Bedford Gas Light Company,	$3,850 69

OIL.

Samuel Leonard & Son, oil,	1,370 91	
E. C. Milliken & Co., oil,	1,289 98	
		2,660 89

LANTERNS, LANTERN POSTS, &c.

Delany & White, repairing and gas pipe,	108 32	
Patrick Kelley, setting lamp posts,	2 11	
John McGowan, setting lamp posts,	2 11	
Timothy Murphy, setting lamp posts,	2 11	
Patrick Condy, setting lamp posts,	50	
Peter Crowley, setting lamp posts,	2 04	
Timothy Driscol, setting lamp posts,	1 36	
Thomas Maloney, setting lamp posts,	2 30	
Michael Murphy, setting lamp posts,	1 36	
William Grady, setting lamp posts,	1 95	
Freeman Dexter, setting glass in lanterns,	28 53	
David E. Chace, setting glass in lanterns,	4 48	
Henry O. Remington, help setting lamp posts and measuring oil,	246 62	
Taber & Grinnell, lantern posts, lanterns and repairs,	530 86	
S. Thomas & Co., wicking,	14 08	
L. Jones & Son, lantern,	7 00	
William G. Wing & Co., lanterns and repairs,	45 42	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	134 53	
	1,135 68	
		$6,511 58

Amount brought forward,	$1,135 68	6,511 58
Dean & Sawyer, repairing lanterns,	$1 00	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., post cap,	3 00	
Timothy D. Cook, stock and labor,	59 20	
David E. Chace, painting posts,	97 79	
Wilson & Sawyer, lamps,	1 25	
Nathan Lewis, repairing,	30 35	
Mason & Swift, block,	3 93	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	6 27	
Joseph Allen, Jr. & Co., labor,	5 63	
George Tappan, burner cleaner,	18	
Elisha Tobey, painting and glazing,	34 58	
S. A. Tripp & Co., repairing lanterns,	5 38	
J. B. Arnold, repairing,	2 00	
J. F. Delany, gas pipe, &c.	66 85	
Warren Hathaway & Son, cutting lanterns,	3 67	
Job Sisson, Jr. iron work,	56 75	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas pipe, &c.	72 45	
		1,585 96

LIGHTING.

George Riley, lighting and measuring oil,	$126 35	
Marshal L. Potts, lighting,	157 36	
Porter Hendrickson, lighting,	210 00	
John Casson, lighting,	210 00	
William H. Stewart, lighting,	154 99	
John Day, lighting,	15 00	
Henry Foster, lighting,	210 00	
Caleb Handy, lighting,	210 00	
George Hinzley, lighting,	141 00	
George Copewell, lighting,	210 00	
Thomas Hill, lighting,	54 00	
Warner Lawton, lighting,	22 77	
Elijah Spooner, lighting,	8 00	
William H. Nye, lighting,	4 00	
		1,733 47

INCIDENTALS.

James Reed, carting,	$7 75	
William H. Doane, carting,	404 00	
John D. Macomber, carting,	3 37	
Richmond & Almy, shears,	1 88	
Henry O. Remington, salary,	75 00	
John Bayliss, matches,	1 33	
Sullings & Kingman, shears,	42	
Nathaniel Moulton, carting,	1 00	
John M. Hathaway, horse hire,	3 25	
		498 00
		$10,329 01
Balance to new account,		955 48
		$11,284 49

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$558 04	
By Amount received from E. S. Wilcox, for lanterns broken,	6 75	
By Amount received from Henry O. Remington, for oil sold,	148 93	
By amount received from J. F. Dearborn, for lanterns broken,	6 50	
By Annual Appropriation,	10,500 00	
By Amount received from Henry O. Remington, for oil furnished sewers,	12 40	
By Amount received from Henry O. Remington, for oil furnished sewers,	10 07	
By amount received from Henry O. Remington, for oil casks sold,	41 80	
		$11,284 49
By balance brought down,		$955 48

RECAPITULATION.

Gas,	$3,850 69
Oil,	2,660 89
Lanterns, Lantern Posts, &c.	1,585 96
Lighting,	1,733 47
Incidentals,	498 00
Amount of expenditures,	$10,329 01

CITY WATCH.

WATCHMEN.

Edward P. Spooner,	$55 33
Benjamin S. Wilcox,	36 00
Joseph Bebee,	76 00
Preserved Bullock,	325 50
Henry Corwin,	313 00
William P. Haskins,	102 25
Francis C. Stimpson,	431 00
William Duffy,	215 00
Stephen J. Stratton,	433 75
Francis Jenney,	35 00
	2,022 83

Amount brought forward,	$2,022 83	
Daniel McCarthy,	427 50	
George M. Ripner,	410 25	
William M. Howard,	451 00	
John C. Hervey,	30 00	
Lewis S. Jennings,	441 00	
George Tabor,	439 00	
Warren Tripp,	119 25	
Abraham Estes,	434 75	
Wilson Drake,	339 00	
Robert McKenzie,	19 00	
Nathaniel G. Booth,	283 78	
Benjamin F. Lewis,	51 25	
Leonard Ellis,	375 00	
Lemuel R. Driscol,	388 75	
Nathan B. Reed,	356 00	
James H. Tripp,	330 00	
B. Carl,	38 75	
J. Underwood,	5 00	
Jeremiah Hill,	340 00	
Christopher R. Booth,	90 00	
George Gardner,	326 25	
J. M. Weaver,	12 50	
Isaac Bennett,	137 50	
Benjamim L. Hood,	191 25	
George R. Hurlburt,	183 00	
Joseph C. Tew,	185 00	
Elisha K. Robbins,	65 00	
John B. Chase,	63 75	
		8,556 36

INCIDENTALS.

New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas,	$135 29
Taber & Co., stoves, pipe and labor,	52 36
B. F. Lewis, cleaning,	13 40
John A. Underwood, whitewashing,	10 62
Union Telegraph Company, telegraphing,	1 02
Howard & Tanner, paints and labor,	11 74
Ezra W. Lee, stock and labor,	142 61
Jacob Parker, powder,	1 72
Gifford & Topham, stock and labor,	432 73
James D'Wolf, painting and setting glass,	115 72
Chapman & Burt, matrasses and bedding,	137 50
Nathan Lewis, buckets, stove, &c.	64 75
John W. A. Smith, labor,	1 00
Caleb Maxfield, chairs, clock, &c.	13 22
Sears, Robinson & Co., lumber and labor,	766 51
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	126 13
George Tappan, straw,	75
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	6 51
J. & T. Durfee, iron work,	3 40
Richmond & Almy, pipe and labor,	13 18
Delany & White, gas fixtures,	29 49
J. F. Delany, labor,	2 00
Charles H. Walker, carting,	1 25
	2,082 90

Amount brought forward,	$2,082 90	$8,556 36
Sullings & Kingman, lamps, &c.	$3 00	
William C. Parker, setting glass,	45	
William H. Doane, carting,	62	
Charles H. Salisbury, soap,	95	
Thomas Collins, taking care of watch house,	63 50	
City Liquor Agency, alcohol,	4 50	
		2,155 92
		$10,712 28
By balance to new account,		327 08
		$11,039 36

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$1,013 18	
By Annual Appropriation,	10,000 00	
By Amount received from Taber & Co., error in bill,	26 18	
		11,039 36
By balance brought down,		$327 08

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Watchmen,	$8,556 36
Paid Incidentals,	2,155 92
Amount of expenditures,	$10,712 28

RURAL CEMETERY.

To Balance brought forward,		$5,489 20
Samuel Bliss, clearing snow,	$8,50	
David M. Gifford, horse hire,	2 00	
		10 50
		5,499 70

CREDITS.

By Amount received of Charles Grinnell,	$438 00	
By balance to new account,	5,061 70	
		5,499 70
To balance brought down,	$5,061 70	

OAK GROVE CEMETERY.

By balance brought down,		$1,153 63

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

William A. Spooner, labor,	$61 99	
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., horse hire,	9 00	
David M. Gifford, horse hire,	5 00	
		75 99
By balance to new account,		131 70
		$207 69

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$173 69	
By Amount received of Charles Grinnell, for sale of lots,	34 00	
		$207 69
By balance brought down,	131 70	

CITY DEBT.

Amount paid interest and principal on loans,	$12,128 92

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$104 77	
By Annual Appropriation,	12,000 00	
By Balance to new account,	24 15	
		$12,128 92
To balance brought down,	24 15	

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BOOKS, &c.

Charles Taber & Co., books,	$229 48	
Abner J. Phipps, books,	345 61	
James B. Congdon, books,	332 57	
		907 66

GAS.

James B. Congdon, gas bill,	$77 81

LIBRARIAN.

Robert C. Ingraham,	$475 00

INCIDENTALS.

George Tappan and N. Chase, rent,	$240 00	
Alfred Kempton, coal,	15 00	
Estate of M. B. Palmer, tin work,	2 16	
Caleb Maxfield, curtains,	3 50	
		260 66
		$1,721 13
Balance to new account,		523 22
		$2,244 35

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$244 35	
By Annual Appropriation,	2,000 00	
		$2,244 35
By balance brought down,	523 22	

RECAPITULATION.

Books, &c.	$907 66
Gas,	77 81
Librarian,	475 00
Incidentals,	260 66
Amount of Expenditures,	$1,721 13

CITY LIQUOR AGENCY.

SALARIES AND RENT.

Liberty Hall, rent,	$104 67	
Ambrose Vincent, salary,	197 80	
Nathan B. Gifford, salary,	600 00	
Reuben Howland, salary,	600 00	
		1,502 47

LIQUORS, &c.

J. D. & M. Williams, liquors,	$1,803 53	
J. M. Barnard & Co., liquors,	1,921 91	
Towle & Seavy, liquors,	878 28	
Weeks & Potter, liquors,	2,356 45	
William G. Parker, cider,	15 75	
John Bramson & Co., liquors,	234 45	
New Bedford and Taunton Branch Railroad Co., freight,	138 08	
Fairhaven Branch Railroad Co., freight,	11 26	
		7,364 71

INCIDENTALS.

Ambrose Vincent, sundry bills,	$47 38	
Lewis Douglass, cleaning store,	7 00	
E. Paige & Co., demijohns,	81 49	
Charles H. Kingsford, book,	12 00	
Reuben Howland, sundry bills,	424 83	
New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	62 50	
Liberty Hall Building, shed,	20 50	
Wood, Brightman & Co., fitting stove and pipe,	5 21	
New Bedford Gas Company, gas,	8 15	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	26 63	
Ashley, Hammond & Co., lumber and labor,	79 70	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas fixtures,	30 19	
Caleb Maxfield, chairs and desk,	9 27	
Sullings & Kingman, stove and pipe,	25 38	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	7 80	
		848 03
		$9.715 21
Balance to new account,		3,629 36
		$13,344 57

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$2,728 41	
By Amount received from Agent, for sales,	10,616 16	
		$13,344 57
By balance brought down,	$3,629 36	

RECAPITULAION.

Salaries and Rent,	$1,502 47
Liquors, &c.,	7,364 71
Incidentals,	848 03
Amount of Expenditures,	9,715 21

MAIN DRAINS AND COMMON SEWERS.

LABOR AND TEAM WORK.

Rodolphus Ashley, rolls labor,	$8,567 78	
John A. Underwood, labor,	75 97	
John F. Underwood, carting,	164 70	
Jerry Monson, labor,	2 38	
Charles Hood, labor,	5 00	
William Jordon, labor,	4 00	
John Sullivan, labor,	4 12	
Timothy L. Blanchard, labor,	6 25	
Martin Pierce, labor and carting,	244 62	
Perry Brownell, labor,	725 14	
Repairs of Highways, teaming and labor,	2,245 95	
Stephen Bates, carting,	9 32	
Delano & Pierce, labor and carting,	262 06	
John F. Vinal, carting,	28 55	
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	79 33	
Frederick A. Hathaway, carting,	6 85	
Chace & Gifford, carting,	1 00	
B. F. Corson, carting,	74	
Squire Gifford, carting,	1 50	
		12,435 26

STOCK, TOOLS, &c.

John Bryant, paying men,	$52 00
Allen Lucas, bricks and cement,	6,274 98
John A. Underwood, block and fall,	8 75
Booth & Hathaway, lumber and labor,	232 28
New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas,	9 00
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	174 37
Jacob Parker, powder,	68 80
Charles M. Cranston, counting brick,	14 80
William Bates, 2d., sand,	189 19
Anthony Hathaway, sewer stones	122 10
	7,146 27

Amount brought forward,	$7,146 27	$12, 435 26
Sullings & Kingman, tools and nails,	$107 22	
George H. Dunbar, assessing,	155 00	
Otis Irish, oil, and lighting lanterns,	32 41	
William Wilcox, lumber,	12 11	
Eben Sampson, tools,	3 56	
Pierce & Keen, arch boards,	4 34	
William Gifford, 2d., lumber and labor,	19 08	
Benjamin Brown, birches,	3 00	
G. T. Sawyer, sand,	2 40	
Squire Gifford, birches,	1 50	
Thomas Sanford, glazing,	5 85	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., scuttle frames,	192 15	
John A. Underwood, pipe,	18 71	
Dean & Sawyer, iron work,	90 25	
George D. Swift, iron work,	35 10	
Joseph Clark, repairing pump,	2 09	
New Bedford Cordage Company, cordage,	10 26	
Nathan Lewis, blasting tubes,	6 14	
B. D. Hathaway, iron work,	94 59	
Simeon Brown, iron work,	30 64	
Wood, Brightman & Co., blasting tubes,	10 85	
Lighting Streets, oil,	17 05	
Doty & Cole, pick handles,	16 31	
Silas Cook, counting brick,	19 20	
Charles F. Tripp, stones,	33 75	
John Taylor, flagging,	6 73	
B. D. Hathaway, picks and handles,	43 89	
William Tallman, Jr., tools, &c.	21 09	
William C. Howland, pipe,	5 75	
Lemuel Gammons, covering stones,	289 80	
Lineas Wood, glazing,	1 88	
Joseph Allen, Jr. & Co., flagging,	15 37	
Samuel S Paine, cement,	11 50	
Charles M. Pierce, use of derrick,	9 00	
Martin Pierce, sand,	3 00	
C, Taber & Co., sundry articles,	5 12	
		8,482 96
		$20,918 22
Balance of old account,		5,528 74
		$26,446 96

CREDITS.

By Amount received from abuttors on Kempton Street Sewer,	$1,531 05
By Amount received from abuttors on Spring Street Sewer,	1,811 42
By Amount received from abuttors on School Street Sewer,	2,335 35
By Loan New Bedford Institution for Savings,	8,800 00
By Loan from other persons,	3,200 00
By Amount received from abuttors on William Street Sewer,	1,258 80
	18,936 62

Amount brought forward,	$18,936 62	
By Amount received from abuttors on Maxfield Street Sewer,	1,476 11	
By Amount received from abuttors on continuation of Union Street Sewer,	447 60	
By Amount received from abuttors on Mill and North Street Sewer,	737 88	
By Amount received from Pierce & Keen, error in bill,	2 17	
By Amount received from sundry persons for stones,	13 50	
By Balance charged in new account,	4,833 08	
		[26,446 96
To Balance brought down,	$4,833 08	

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and team work,	$12,435 26
Stock, Tools, &c,	8,482 96
Amount of Expenditures,	$20,918 22

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

SALARIES.

Rodney French, Mayor,	$600 00	
Charles F. Willcox, Treasurer,	791 85	
Sanford S. Horton, City Clerk,	554 39	
Oliver Prescott, Police Judge,	1,000 00	
Isaac M. Richardson, Clerk of Common Council,	150 00	
Rodolphus Ashley, Superintendent of Streets,	675 00	
Charles D. Burt, City Marshal,	750 00	
Francis W. Hatch, Assistant Marshal,	506 25	
Nathaniel Corey, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
John Valentine, Jr., Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Charles W. Underwood, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Daniel Ripley, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Charles E. Hall, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Thomas D. Robinson, City Solicitor,	225 00	
Francis L. Porter, Clerk of Police Court,	400 00	
Robert A. Dillingham, City Messenger,	256 75	
Charles Grinnell, Superintendent of Burial Grounds,	75 00	
Samuel Studley, Clerk of Market,	131 25	
Henry O. Remington, Superintendent of Street Lamps,	150 00	
Nathaniel Corey, Sealer of Coal Baskets,	18 75	
William H. Manchester, Ringing City Bell,	93 75	
J. George W. Pope, Boarding Officer,	52 85	
Ezrs S. Wilcox, Clerk of Police Court,	17 53	
Frederick Bryant, Treasurer,	123 11	
Luther G. Hewins, City Clerk,	10 27	
Committee on Truants,	100 00	
J. F. Dearborn, City Solicitor,	90 00	
		9,021 75

Amount brought forward,		$9,021 75

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Edmund Anthony,	$914 97	
Benjamin Lindsey,	284 97	
		1,199 94

ELECTIONS.

Wardens,	$60 00	
Ward Clerks,	75 00	
Ward Inspectors,	78 00	
Envelope Distributors,	16 00	
Ward Rooms,	177 50	
George H. Dunbar, preparing voters list,	75 00	
C. H. Walker, carting voters lists,	2 50	
Jacob Waggoner, posting notices,	18 50	
		502 50

ASSESSORS.

Assessors Salary,	$1,500 00	
Isaac Case, horse and carriage for Assessors,	10 00	
John Holmes, taking care of Assessors Room,	22 25	
Sherman & Stanton, horse and carriage for Assessors,	10 00	
William Howe, Assessors' Books,	54 74	
		1,596 99

CITY COMMON.

William Swift, trees and setting,	$115 25	
Elias Knowles, labor,	49 50	
Curtis Gammons, paving stones,	31 10	
Simeon F. King, labor,	48 70	
Timothy Blanchard, labor,	20 50	
Tillinghast Head, labor,	1 50	
Ezra Hathaway, labor,	36 15	
Michael Milan, labor,	28 12	
Joseph Fields, whitewashing,	4 00	
Henry Brown, whitewashing,	20 15	
Rodolphus Ashley, pay roll,	828 03	
George W. Estes, pails, &c.	1 53	
Booth & Hathaway, carting,	74	
Alexander Gomley, carting,	1 00	
Gideon Tripp, paving stones,	20 46	
Ashley, Hammond & Co., labor,	20 25	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	6 63	
David E. Chase, painting,	28 74	
Lee & Teachout, iron work,	14 07	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	49 66	
		1,326 08
		$13,647 26

Amount brought forward,		$13,647 26

CITY STABLE.

Martin Wheeler, moving stable,	$47 00	
David M. Gifford, stable and land,	2,600 00	
William Bates, 2d., lumber and labor,	1,474 53	
John A. Underwood, labor,	30 62	
Allen Lucas, brick, lime, &c.	52 94	
John F. Underwood, carting,	5 50	
Booth & Hathaway, laths,	6 35	
Samuel S. Paine, lime, &c.	11 94	
B. F. Corson, carting,	1 50	
Johnston & Eaton, lightning rods,	33 20	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting,	166 03	
Delano & Pierce, labor and cement pipe,	32 45	
Nathan Lewis, sundry articles,	3 60	
Sullings & Kingman, nails, &c.	23 14	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., stone and labor,	8 45	
		4,497 25

POLICE COURT.

Benjamin Coombs, special Justice,	$36 58	
Thomas Collins, taking care of Court Room,	52 00	
Charles Taber, stationery,	14 97	
		103 55

GAS, AND GAS FIXTURES.

New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas,	$341 43	
Delany & White, altering gas fixtures,	64 52	
Wood, Brightman & Co., fitting gas,	87	
		406 82

FOURTH OF JULY.

Holder & Cutter, fire works,	$552 85
Tillinghast Head, firing salute,	34 50
Eliphalet Daggett, ringing bell,	2 00
John C. Hervey, ringing bell,	2 00
William H. Manchester, ringing bell,	4 50
A. W. Munroe, ringing bell,	2 00
Stephen Y. Denham, ringing bell,	2 00
C. Dantsizen, ringing bell,	2 00
John A. Ruggles, ringing bell,	2 00
Samuel E. Gabriel, ringing bell,	2 00
Martin Pierce, team,	8 00
Chace & Gifford, team,	8 00
H. N. Kimball, team,	8 00
Henry Spooner, team,	8 00
Squire Gifford, teams,	16 00
Alanson Gammons, team,	8 25
William H. Coffin, team,	6 00
Hiram Wentworth, teams,	20 00
	688 10

Amount brought forward,	$688 10	$18.654 88
Thomas Peirce, team,	8 00	
Moulton & Leavitt, team,	8 00	
Alfred Weaver, team,	5 00	
Joseph Cundell, teams,	24 00	
William H. Sherman & Co., teams,	16 00	
G. T. Sawyer, team,	8 00	
A. K. P. Sawin, teams,	20 00	
Giles A. Ennis, teams,	24 00	
B. F. Corson, teams,	16 50	
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., teams,	36 00	
James Thomas, teams,	34 00	
John C. Hervey, watering streets,	14 00	
Lewis Boutell, board for Band,	57 00	
New Bedford and Taunton Branch Railroad Co., tickets,	41 00	
Thomas H. Pierce, labor,	32 00	
Silas Cook, labor,	9 00	
Hatch, Gray & Co., saddles, &c.	16 50	
New Bedford Brass Band, services,	180 00	
Benjamin B. Covell, painting,	5 33	
Newton Brass Band, services,	216 00	
Jacob Parker, powder,	31 75	
Wilcox & Co., lumber and labor,	194 66	
Nathan Lewis, sundry expenses,	8 88	
John M. Hathaway, horses,	8 50	
Sanford S. Horton, sundry bills for dinner,	763 50	
R. W. Raymond, sundries,	2 95	
Joshua P. Dunbar, music,	20 00	
		2,488 67

SUPPORT OF THE INSANE.

N. Cutter, Board, &c.,	$82 28	
State Lunatic Hospital, board, &c.,	827 39	
		909 67

INCIDENTALS.

Jireh H. Furgerson, expenses of committee,	$49 24	
Samuel Bliss, returning deaths, &c.	19 21	
Richard Davenport, sundries,	2 29	
Charles D. Burt, paid special watchmen and police,	236 00	
Hatch, Gray & Co., Gardner Dean,	50 00	
William Howe, stationery,	8 50	
George A. Bourne, rent of Armory,	350 00	
William Wilcox, lumber,	8 08	
Frederick Bryant, sundries,	37	
Luther G. Hewins, postage, &c.	13 93	
Nathaniel Shepherd, repairing clock,	50	
James Fales, Jr., salary and repairing City Clock,	46 62	
James Harper, services attending on Lyceum,	32 50	
William O. Haskell, settees,	348 00	
Timothy G. Coffin, services,	80 00	
New Bedford Institution for Savings, note and interest,	2,061 67	
	3,306 91	
		22,053 22

Amount brought forward,	$3,306 91	$22,052 22
Taber & Co., repairing stove in office,	2 73	
Charles D. Burt, pay roll of Police Officers,	360 00	
Hanson Blake, cleaning,	13 35	
John M. Foster, alteration in hall,	272 20	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	137 12	
John A. Underwood, labor Washingtonian Hall and special police,	68 82	
New Bedford and Taunton Railroad Co., freight,	13 35	
Samuel N. Haskins, abatement on taxes,	3 03	
Charles D. Burt, expenses paid at sundry times,	77 95	
Barjona D. Tripp, removing snow,	16 44	
C. K. Turner & Co., cleaning out vaults,	201 00	
Jonathan Reynolds, trees,	37 50	
Booth & Hathaway, labor, old market,	12 57	
Charles F. Willcox, expenses to Boston,	3 57	
Elliot & Pitman, professional services,	235 59	
Doty & Cole, pole,	1 50	
Lyman Bartlett, for Lewis Temple,	5 00	
Sanford S. Horton, postage, stationery, &c.	80 01	
Dennis Taylor, whitewashing,	8 72	
Liberty Hall Association, rent,	38 00	
C. G. King, surveying instruments,	222 50	
Henry Brown, whitewashing,	10 50	
Gorham Taylor, halyards,	1 00	
R. Ashley, pay roll Charles street stable Sewer,	99 36	
Alonzo Hunt, cutting down Pope street,	30 00	
Pierce & Potter, use of lanterns,	1 36	
Amos C. Baker, bell rope, Liberty Hall,	1 70	
William Maxfield, painting	13 00	
Jacob Parker, powder,	6 52	
William White, shoveling snow,	1 00	
Merchants Bank, interest on loan,	105 00	
Sihon Packard, board, &c.,	128 00	
Marine Bank, temporary loan,	60,975 56	
Merchants Bank,	9,966 67	
Lincoln F. Brigham, for Lewis Temple,	1,700 00	
John C. Hervey, watering streets,	7 00	
M. B. Palmer's Estate, repairing stoves,	7 00	
I. Gwinn and A. Harris, labor,	35 50	
Richmond & Almy, repairing stoves,	46 40	
Alice Hart, making carpets,	44 00	
Alfred Weaver, spreading lime,	6 70	
Peter Fales, painting City Council Rooms,	315 89	
R. P. Harwood, labor,	9 00	
Edward H. Wing, labor,	19 48	
Lewis Douglass, cleaning,	59 87	
Margaret Ross, cleaning,	38 75	
Ellen S. Douglass, cleaning,	38 75	
Nye & Phillips, repairing flags,	1 50	
William Armstead, cleaning,	56 00	
Julia Dorster, labor,	4 00	
Caleb Maxfield, chairs, desk, &c.	124 74	
William C. Howland, flagging cellar,	58 88	
Benjamin Rodman, ice,	3 00	
Thomas Sanford, glazing,	8 00	
Doty & Cole, repairs,	11 57	
	79,053 56	

Amount brought forward,	$79,053 56	$22,053 22
S. R. Townsend, county tax,	12,915 50	
Isaac Gwinn, labor,	72 02	
Chapman & Burt, cotton cloth,	16 66	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting City Hall,	283 55	
Sears, Robinson & Co., lumber and labor,	40 23	
Little & Allen, carpets,	477 28	
John M. Cornell, removing dead from old burial ground,	3 00	
Samuel Bliss, labor, removing dead from old burial ground,	39 38	
Abraham Peckham, removing dead from old burial ground,	9 51	
R. Ashley, pay roll, removing dead from old burial ground,	55 94	
Dennis Sullivan, removing dead from old burial ground,	75	
James Donnell, removing dead from old burial ground,	1 87	
James Lanagan, removing dead from old burial ground,	62	
Moses Fitzgerald, removing dead from old burial ground,	1 25	
Nathaniel H. Nye, weighing coal,	21 08	
Ezra W. Lee, labor in City Hall cellar,	85 63	
Thomas Place, finding J. Bantum,	25 00	
William G. Wing & Co., tin boxes,	14 50	
Jacob Loud, State Tax,	6,945 00	
Delano & Pierce, whitewashing,	47 16	
Nathan Lewis, pails, coal hod, &c.	11 42	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	28 83	
Allen & Bliss, brooms, brushes, &c.	9 38	
Charles Taber & Co., books, stationery, &c.	195 13	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., labor,	4 35	
William Ormsby, whitewashing,	3 00	
Dean & Sawyer, window hoister,	95	
Tristram Nye, putting down carpet,	2 50	
Charles D. Burt, horse, carriage, &c.	43 33	
William F. Durfee, surveying,	97 00	
Howland & Palmer, hardware,	1 87	
Gifford & Topham, door plates,	7 60	
John M. Hathaway, horse and carriage,	5 75	
A. D. Richmond & Co., locks, &c.	9 26	
George Tappan, spittoons, &c.	8 87	
Ashley, Hammond & Co., lumber and labor,	31 32	
Gamaliel Taber, returning deaths,	18 12	
Gamaliel Taber, removing dead from old burial ground,	32 25	
Otis Irish, oil,	50	
J. & T. Durfee, repairing door,	3 63	
Job Sisson, Jr., iron work,	19 38	
Pierce & Keen, boxing trees,	10 66	
Joseph Allen, Jr. & Co., flagging,	1 73	
William Tallman, Jr., coal hod,	1 00	
Perry Brownell, drain from market,	41 00	
William A. Spooner, returning deaths,	62	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	6 44	
Execution of Town of Truro,	7 29	
Marine Bank, interest,	266 00	
New Bedford Guards, bounty money,	380 50	
Samuel S. Paine, lime,	9 41	
Lewis Holmes, charcoal,	49 79	
Sanford S. Horton, registrar,	149 00	
Charles M. Pierce, carting,	4 00	
Henry N. Andrews, carting,	24 17	
David M. Gifford, horse and carriage,	16 50	
	101,612 04	

Amount brought forward,	$101,612 04	$22,053 22
Samuel S. Bliss, horse and carriage,	6 00	
Joseph Clarke, blocks, &c.	14 67	
H. N. Kimball, carting,	1 25	
Benjamin G. Wilson, returning deaths,	10 32	
New Bedford Cordage Company, manilla,	3 06	
Nathaniel Sherman, damage on harness,	10 00	
Hatch, Gray & Co., express,	2 87	
Thomas D. Robinson, expenses,	31 61	
William Duffy, services,	28 50	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	9 23	
D. S. Robinson, labor,	5 25	
Charles Chadwick, labor,	75	
James Beetle, sundries,	28 25	
Gray, Packard & Co., horse and carriage,	27 00	
S. R. Townsend, interest,	31 00	
		101,821 80
Transfer to Fire Department,	$13,500 00	
Transfer to Repairs of Highways,	3,500 00	
Transfer to Support of the Poor,	3,000 00	
		20,000 00
Taxes remitted for 1850,	7 50	
" " " 1851,	34 50	
" " " 1852,	87 08	
" " " 1853,	123 24	
" " " 1854,	2,481 88	
		2,734 20
Abatement under the three per cent,	3,779 44	
Abatement under the two per cent,	406 10	
		4,185 54
By balance to new account,		1,233 39
		$152,028 15

CREDITS.

By Balance,	6,187 30
By amount received, remittance of five taxes,	9 00
By amount received of Obed Chase, land rent,	300 00
By amount received of James Harper, for lighting and warming hall,	102 48
By amount received of Samuel Studley, rent of stalls in market,	416 00
By amount received of George A. Bourne, for use of hall for Lyceum,	190 00
By amount received from Commonwealth, rent of Armory,	225 34
By amount received of Luther G. Hewins, for licences, &c.	48 00
By amount received for hospital patients,	121 44
By amount received of Otis Irish, land rent,	50 00
By amount received of E. S. Wilcox, clerk of Police Court,	12 75
By amount received on temporary loan, Marine Bank,	63,500 00
By amount received of F. L. Porter, clerk of Police Court,	1,220 35
By Annual Appropriation,	22,639 50
By appropriation for State tax,	6,945 00
By appropriation for County tax,	12,915 50
	114,882 66

Amount brought forward,	$114,882 66	
By appropriation for salaries,	11,000 00	
By appropriation for Common,	1,000 00	
By amount received of Sanford S. Horton, use of hall, licences, &c.	752 93	
By amount received of Booth & Hathaway, sundries,	17 66	
By amount received of Commonwealth, bounty money,	740 50	
By amount received of Joseph Brownell, temporary loan,	1,500 00	
By amount received of Charles D. Burt, fees and Police Court,	740 68	
By amount received of Thomas P. Terry, land rent,	6 00	
By overlay of taxes for 1854,	8,994 93	
School Books,	183 63	
Samuel R. Townsend, temporary loan,	2,000 00	
Assessments of persons,	134 60	
Amount received from sundry rolls, amount returned,	68 57	
New Bedford Gas Company, discount on bill,	5 99	
Temporary loan at Merchants Bank,	10,000 00	
		$152,028 15
By balance brought down,	$1,233 39	

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries,	$9,021 75
Printing and advertising,	1,199 94
Elections,	502 50
Assessors,	1,596 99
City Common,	1,326 08
Police Court,	103 55
Gas and gas fixtures,	406 82
Fourth of July,	2,488 67
Support of the Insane,	909 67
Amount paid on account of temporary loan,	2,000 00
County tax,	12,915 50
State tax,	6,945 00
Incidentals,	9,961 30
City stable,	4,497 25
Amount of expenditures,	$53,875 02

DEBIT BALANCES, MARCH 1, 1855.

Collector of Taxes 1842,	$3 00
" " " 1844,	25 74
" " " 1845,	34 40
" " " 1846,	62 41
" " " 1847,	73 35
" " " 1848,	219 99
" " " 1849,	14 14
City and County " 1850,	121 88
City and County " 1851,	322 05
City and County " 1852,	726 52
City, County and State tax 1853,	1,463 14
Collector of Taxes 1854,	5,715 90
Rural Cemetery,	5,061 70
City Debt,	24 15
Main Drains and Common Sewers,	4,833 08
City Treasurer,	2,435 71
	$21,137 16

CREDIT BALANCES, MARCH 1, 1855.

Alien Passengers,	$48 00
Oak Grove Cemetery,	1,153 68
Pine Grove Cemetery,	131 70
Free Public Library,	523 22
City Watch,	327 08
Lighting the Streets,	955 48
Repairs of Highways,	96 83
Support of Public Schools,	9,157 91
Support of the Poor,	3,370 85
Fire Department,	509 66
City Liquor Agency,	3,629 36
Incidental Expenses,	1,233 39
	$21,137 16

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Sub-Committee, to whom was referred the duty of taking an inventory of the City Property, ask leave to make the following Report:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c., &c.

City Hall and Lot containing 102 rods of Land,	$72,000 00	
Old Town Hall and about 30 rods of Land,	10,000 00	
Lot of Land on William Street, 72 15-100 rods,	10,887 00	
Lot of Land at Clark's Point, 2 acres,	200 00	
Powder Magazine and Lot,	681 00	
South Pound and Lot, 20 rods,	500 00	
Lot of Land on Dartmouth Road, 12 rods,	120 00	
Lot of Land on Willis Street, 12 rods,	600 00	
City Lot on Purchase Street, (Common)	48,152 00	
Lot of Land at Cove, 3 acres,	350 00	
City Stable and Lot, containing 40 rods of Land,	5,600 00	
195 Iron Lantern Posts and Lanterns,	3,742 00	
		152,832 00
Rural Cemetery,	3,400 00	
Oak Grove Cemetery,	400 00	
Pine Grove Cemetery,	2,000 00	
		5,800 00
Standard Weights and Measures,	350 00	
Surveying Instruments,	350 00	
Public Library, eight thousand volumes,	5,900 00	
		6,600 00
		165,232 00

Amount brought forward,		$165,232 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

School House and 30 rods of Land at Perry's Neck,	$1,000 00	
School House and 20 96-100 rods Land on Griffin Street,	932 00	
School House and 80 rods Land at Acushnet Village,	1,300 00	
Hill Street School House and 41½ rods Land,	2,630 00	
High School House and 120 rods Land,	17,667 00	
Grove School House and 109 rods Land, on South Water Street,	4,250 00	
School House and 39 rods Land on Sixth Street,	3,882 00	
Two School Houses and 44 rods Land on Bush Street,	8,400 00	
School House and 31 rods Land on Maxfield Street,	3,850 00	
School House and Lot, North District,	1,029 00	
School House and Lot at Haskins' Corner,	350 00	
School House and Lot at Clark's Point,	784 00	
Cannonville School House and 44 rods Land,	1,500 00	
School House and 20 rods Land on William Street,	7,350 00	
School House on Market Square,	300 00	
School House and 123 84-100 rods Land on Parker Street,	13,000 00	
Two School Houses and 55¾ rods Land corner of Charles and Foster Streets,	8,000 00	
School House Lot, containing 34¼ rods Land corner of Cedar and Maxfield Streets,	805 33	
School House Lot, containing 84 rods at Belville,	200 00	
Maps, Globes and Philosophical Apparatus,	1,250 00	
School Library, 2,500 volumes,	400 00	
		78,879 33

ALMS HOUSE DEPARTMENT.

New Alms House and out buildings,	$23,000 00	
Old Alms House and barn,	1,000 00	
Small Pox Hospital,	100 00	
Farm containing about 76 acres,	12,500 00	
Live Stock,	1,500 00	
Household Furniture,	1,675 00	
Hay and Grain on hand,	300 00	
Oakum, Oakum Stock and Salt,	37 00	
Farming Utensils, Wagons, &c.	750 00	
Light Wagons,	200 00	
		41,062 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine House and 3 rods Land on Middle Street,	$1,455 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on Foster Street,	825 00	
Engine and Watch House, with 14¾ rods Land on Purchase Street,	8,500 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on North Second Street,	1,150 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on Third Street,	750 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on Fourth Street,	1,325 00	
Engine House and 13 rods Land on Purchase Street,	1,062 50	
Engine House at Acushnet Village,	397 00	
	15,464 50	
		285,173 33

Amount brought forward,	$15,464 50	$285,173 33
Engine No. 1,	$600 00	
" " 2,	600 00	
" " 3,	1,000 00	
" " 5,	1,000 00	
" " 6,	2,308 00	
" " 7,	1,000 00	
" " 9,	1,000 00	
" " 10,	1,000 00	
" " 11,	1,000 00	
Hooks, Ladders and Carriage,	300 00	
		9,808 50

TOOLS, &c., BELONGING TO THE HIGHWAYS.

Five horses, carts and harnesses,	$1,500 00	
One horse, cart and harness,	100 00	
One pair horses, waggon gear and harnesses,	425 00	
One gear and cart,	88 00	
Seventy-five shovels, at 37½ cents each,	28 02	
Fifty-five picks,	55 00	
Thirty-seven iron bars,	55 50	
Blasting tools,	150 00	
Fourteen sledges,	21 00	
Two scrapers,	8 00	
Four plows,	40 00	
Ten chains,	10 00	
Seven iron rakes,	3 50	
Ten pails,	2 50	
Four tool houses,	40 00	
Six hoes,	2 00	
Tubs and falls,	30 00	
Three leading harnesses,	25 00	
		2,583 52
		$312,679 85

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HATTIL KELLEY, Sub-Committee.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 26th, 1855.

CITY DEBT.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	ORIGINAL AMOUNT.	TIMES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	ANNUAL PAYMENT.	BALANCE DUE.
1836.						
5 mo. 16.	Provident Institution for Savings, Boston,	10,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per cent.	500 00	
7 mo. 1.	" " " "	6,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per cent.	300 00	1,000 00
1839.						900 00
5 mo. 3.	Savings Institution, New Bedford.	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	500 00	2,500 00
5 mo. 8.	Pacific Insurance Company,	6,500 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	325 00	1,625 00
5 mo. 29.	Savings Institution, New Bedford.	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	500 00	2,500 00
1852.						
8 mo. 4.	" "	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	500 00	9,000 00
11 mo. 20.	" "	7,870 50	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	393 52	7,083 46
1853.						
6 mo. 14.	" "	20,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	1,000 00	19,000 00
7 mo. 6.	" "	12,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	600 00	11,400 00
7 mo. 30.	" "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	250 00	4,750 00
10 mo. 14.	" "	13,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	650 00	12,350 00
10 mo. 14.	" "	2,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	100 00	1,900 00
11 mo. 2.	" "	20,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	1,000 00	1,900 00
1854.						
6 mo. 14.	" "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	250 00	5,000 00
7 mo. 19.	" "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	250 00	5,000 00
12 mo. 25.	Joseph Wilcox,	1,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	50 00	1,000 00
9 mo. 30.	Thomas P. Terry,	1,200 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	120 00	1,200 00
9 mo. 30.	Levi Hawes,	1,200 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	60 00	1,200 00
1855.						
1 mo. 9.	Joseph Wilcox,	1,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	50 00	1,000 00
1 mo. 22.	George A. Bourne,	1,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	100 00	1,000 00
2 mo. 17.	Weston Jenney,	2,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	200 00	2,000 00
2 mo. 20.	Thaddeus M. Perry,	1,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	100 00	1,000 00
2 mo. 21.	New Bedford Institution for Savings,	3,800 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	190 00	3,800 00
2 mo. 23.	Benjamin C. Luther, Fall River.	1,400 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	140 00	1,400 00
*Interest payable semi-annually.		Balance of Permanent Loan, - - - -				$116,608.46

1855.	Balance of Permanent Loan, as above,		$116,608.46
8 mo. 4.	Savings Institution, New Bedford,	12 months,	2,500.00
12 mo. 21.	Joseph Brownell, New Bedford,	6 months,	1,500.00
1855.			
1 mo. 9.	Marine Bank, New Bedford,	4 months,	5,000.00
1 mo. 16.	" " "	4 months,	8,500.00
2 mo. 24.	Samuel R. Townsend, Taunton,	3 months,	2,000,00
	Total amount of City Debt,		$136,108.46

In Common Council, March 31, 1855.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 31, 1855.

Accepted in concurrence

SANFORD S. HORTON, City Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford.

The Board of Engineers in accordance with the requirements of the City Ordinances, herewith present the following Report relative to the present condition of the Fire Department, its expenditures for the past year. Also their estimate of the amount necessary to meet its present liabilities, and the probable outlay required for the ensuing year, viz:

For pay of Firemen to 5th mo. 1, 1854,	6,024 72
For repairs of Engines, Engine Houses and purchase of leading hose,	4,375 40
For construction and repairs of Reservoirs,	6,966 29
For new Engine House on Purchase street,	3,843 51
For new Engine and Hose Reel for Company No. 6,	2,308 50
For incidentals,	1,345 54
For balance to credit of the Department 3d mo. 1, 1855,	509 66
	$25,373 62

The balance in the Treasury to the credit of the Department 3d mo. 1, 1854,	1,365 57
Received of Frederick Bryant, the amount uncalled for, due the several companies from May 1, 1848, to May 1, 1853,	475 18
Received of J. B. Ashley,	3 62
Received of Gibbs Taber, for stone,	29 25
Annual Appropriation,	10,000 00
Transfer from incidental expense account,	13,500 00
	$25,373 62

It will be seen that the expenditures have exceeded the estimate of our predecessors considerably, which additional outlay was caused by additions being made to the Department, which were considered highly necessary for the safety and welfare of the City. The amount expended for the construction and repair of Reservoirs, has greatly exceeded the estimate of the former Board, there having been three large Reservoirs added the past year; one on corner of William and Second streets, one on Pleasant near Maxfield street, and one on corner of Linden and County streets, and have had the Reservoir on Purchase Street, south of William, repaired, making forty Reservoirs throughout the City, all of which are in excellent condition.

There has been one new Engine, (which was ordered by the former Board) placed in the Department, in the house formerly occupied by No. 6, and that Engine has been repaired, and is now a reliable Engine in case of emergency. With the addition made, there are now nine good and efficient Engines.

A new Engine House has been erected on Purchase street, just north of Maxfield, for Engine No. 3, formerly located on Second street, and a large cistern constructed underneath the building capable of furnishing a good supply of water in case of fire in that locality. The several Engine Houses are in good repair, and now present a neat and cleanly appearance.

There has been twenty-one hundred feet of new leading hose, and thirty feet of suction, purchased during the year, seven hundred and fifty feet of the leading hose being for Engine No. 6, and the remainder to replace the old leading hose on the several Engines, that was considered unfit for further use.

The Hook and Ladder carriage being considered un-

fit for service by our predecessors, a new carriage was ordered by them, which will probably be ready for use during the month of May.

The number of Engines being very limited, considering the amount of property liable to fire, we deemed it necessary to procure another Engine, to be placed in the building now occupied by No. 5, and to have that Engine located at Jesseville; and on recommendation to the City Council, it was ordered to contract for a first class Fire Engine and Hose Reel, which order has been carried into effect.

The Department has been called out forty-five times, of which eleven have been for false alarms. The amount of property destroyed as near as can be ascertained, is $80,735. The amount of insurance on ditto, $49,300. There have been seven houses, seven shops, barns, &c., one building for public exhibitions, and one lumber yard destroyed.

The several companies have been well filled, and good order and harmony have prevailed throughout the year. The Department now consists of four hundred and eighty-three men, attached to nine Engines, and one Hook and Ladder carriage.

The estimate of the expenses of the Department for the ensuing year, are

For pay of Firemen to 5th mo. 1, 1855,	6,967 00
For new Engine and hose reel now contracted for,	2,000 00
For Hook and Ladder carriage and apparatus contracted for,	1,200 00
For new Hose,	1,000 00
For construction of Reservoirs,	4,000 00
For outstanding bills,	400 00
For incidentals,	1,700 00
	$17,267 00

Should the foregoing recommendation meet the approval of the City Council, there will be required for

the service of the Department an appropriation of sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars, and thirty-four cents, exclusive of the balance on hand.

We are desirous of returning our thanks to the entire Department for their promptness on an alarm of fire, and for their gentlemanly deportment and efficient co-operation in the discharge of every duty.

Per order of the Board,

JOSHUA B. ASHLEY,
Chief Engineer.

New Bedford, March 23d, 1855.

In Board of Aldermen, March 31, 1855.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

SANFORD S. HORTON, City Clerk.

In Common Council, March 31, 1855.

Concurred.

I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1855.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford.

GENTLEMEN:

The Overseers of the Poor for the year ending February 28th, 1855, respectfully present the following Report:

The amount expended during the year

For Support of the Poor, is	$14,633 21
For Scavenger Carts,	226 29
	$14,859 50

The items of expenditure for Support of Poor, are as follows:

OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

For Fuel,	$3,019 12
Provisions,	1,579 60
Allowances for sick, infirm and aged,	350 00
Board of sick persons,	37 18
Cholera expenses,	12 00
Shoes,	3 75
Physicians' Bills,	252 55
Medicines,	72 35
Funeral expenses,	248 50
	5,575 05

AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

For Flour and Grain,	$1,618 57	
Beef and Pork,	535 72	
Other Provisions and Groceries,	1,178 15	
Dry Goods, Clothing, Bedding, &c.	454 58	
Shoes, Hats and Leather,	227 85	
Fuel,	969 03	
Furniture and Crockery,	64 51	
Tobacco and Snuff,	45 76	
Oil,	51 06	
Hardware and Farming Tools,	128 07	
Medicines,	91 17	
Physicians' Bills,	408 75	
Chaplain, (one quarter)	15 00	
Coffins,	9 50	
Repairs and Improvements,	604 72	
Repairs of Carts,	63 73	
Harnesses and repairs of ditto,	33 00	
Blacksmithing,	166 79	
Farm Stock,	130 38	
Stock for Oakum,	39 75	
Seed, (Potatoes and Grass)	49 89	
Labor on Farm,	520 00	
Nurses' and Cook's Wages,	635 58	
Superintendent's Salary,	500 00	
Miscellaneous,	214 38	
		8,755 93

INCIDENTAL.

For Removing the Poor to State Alms House,	167 50	
Travelling Expenses, &c.	27 61	
Horse Hire,	36 75	
Repairs of Office Stove and Pipe,	7 44	
Care of Office,	60 00	
Stationery,	2 93	
		302 23

The receipts are as follows:

Balance of Account,	$39 10	
Appropriation,	11,000 00	
State Pauper Account of 1853,	1,222 56	
State Pauper Account of 1854,	909 33	
From other towns, and for board of Hospital Patients,	1,498 07	
Additional Appropriations,	3,000 00	
Sales from Alms House,	421 51	
Rent of Miss B. Thrasher's House,	35 87	
From Estates of persons deceased,	70 16	
Board of the Teacher of the Alms House School,	33 75	
		18,230 35
Balance remaining on hand March 1st, 1855,		3,370 85

No. in Alms House March 1, 1854,			145.	Admitted in March,	21.	Discharged,	43
" " " April	1,	"	123.	" April,	24.	"	44
" " " May	1,	"	100.	" May,	35.	"	77
" " " June	1,	"	58.	" June,	13.	"	19
" " " July	1,	"	52.	" July,	15.	"	15
" " " Aug.	1,	"	52.	" Aug.	23.	"	14
" " " Sept.	1,	"	61.	" Sept.	10.	"	8
" " " Oct.	1,	"	63.	" Oct.	9.	"	9
" " " Nov.	1,	"	63.	" Nov.	11.	"	14
" " " Dec.	1,	"	60.	" Dec.	8.	"	4
" " " Jan.	1,	1855,	64.	" Jan.	12.	"	8
" " " Feb.	1,	"	68.	" Feb.	13.	"	4
" " " March	1,	"	79.				

The above table shows the number of admissions during the year to have been 194

The Whole number relieved in Alms House during the year, 339

The average monthly number in Alms House, 76

The number of deaths (included among discharged) 13

Of those admitted, 78 were on account of sickness; 71 on account of destitution; 23 by sentence for intemperance; 22 by sentence for truancy. The inmates remained in the Alms House 3,799 weeks.

Owing to the backwardness of the season, which prevented entirely the planting of some wet land, the produce of the Farm has been somewhat less than in the previous year. But much labor has been expended in laying walls and clearing lands, and labor to the amount of four hundred dollars has been expended upon the grounds in front of the Alms House.

The following statement furnished by Mr. Briggs, the Superintendent, shows the principal products of the Farm and their value.

FARM PRODUCE.

Corn,	160 bushels.	Carrots,	37 bushels.
Potatoes,	178 "	Pork,	3,394 pounds.
Oats,	160 "	Beef,	4,903 "
Onions,	67 "	Veal,	503 "
Beets,	48 "	Milk,	12,723 quarts.
Turnips,	46 "		

Total value of produce, $1,995 83. Value of produce sold, $246 64.

Value of Beef on hand March 1, 1855,	$48 00
Value of Pork on hand March 1, 1855,	57 00
Value of Hams on hand March 1, 1855,	51 10
Value of Dried Beef on hand March 1, 1855,	10 80
	$413 54

Value of produce consumed by the family, $1,582 29.

Oakum on hand March 1, 1854,	393 pounds
Oakum manufactured during the year,	916 "
Oakum sold during the year,	949 "
Oakum unsold and on hand March 1, 1855,	360 "
Oakum stock on hand March 1, 1855,	130 "

Of those who have been at the Workhouse under sentence for intemperance, many have performed considerable labor upon the Farm, after having recovered from the effects of dissipation, and the Board have allowed their families an equivalent for their labor. These persons have generally declared they were happier at the Workhouse, than while in the midst of temptation in town, and it is certain that the comfort of their families was quite as much promoted as their own. Would not such management of the habitually intemperate, be better than the ordinary mode of confining them for short periods in the House of Correction?

The boys who have been sentenced to the Workhouse for Truancy, have been kept steadily at school within the establishment, and have made respectable improvement, we believe, in their studies. Yet, it is evident that the Workhouse is not a suitable place for them. We hope that ere long, another institution may be provided for them, and other children dependent upon the City. As every child has a natural right to an education, it would appear to be the duty of the community to provide the means. Not only school-houses and school-books, but food, clothing and shelter, for such as require them. While at the Workhouse, these boys have been wholly supported, and in a majority of instances their support was a needed relief to their parents, many of whom, however, had no legal right of relief in this City. Of the fourteen boys now there, a large majority have no legal right of relief in this State, and only three have it in this City. Should a school, as has been contemplated, be established for them, some modification of the act in relation to the matter, would be necessary, to enable the

City to obtain from the proper sources remuneration for their support.

The religious services at the Alms House, since the first quarter of the year, have been very acceptably conducted by some of the Clergymen, and by laymen of various churches, without compensation. By one of the laymen, a Sabbath School has been kept during the year. The Board consider the community under obligations to these gentlemen for their zealous performance of these services.

Out of the Alms House, three hundred and thirty families have been aided during the year. They comprised twelve hundred and seventy-six individuals. Of these, three hundred and twenty-five were legally chargeable to this City, three hundred and thirty-nine to other towns, and the remainder, six hundred and twelve, had no legal right of relief in this State. For the relief of this last class, the State have erected an Alms House at Bridgewater, and it is not imperative upon the City to do more than supply their immediate wants; sending them for future supply to the State Institution. Acting under advice, that they had hardly authority to do more than this, the Overseers of the Poor, in the beginning of the cold season, declined furnishing further aid to such as were entitled to this State relief. Some applicants availed themselves of the relief so provided, but a much larger number did not. They made their necessities known to the benevolent, who took measures for their relief.

In consequence of their efforts the City Council passed an Order, appropriating one thousand dollars for the relief of the Poor in the City, the same to be charged to the Incidental Expense account, and expended under the direction of the Overseers of the

Poor. This has been done in the usual manner, by the distribution of food and fuel in the community, endeavoring to avoid that idle and dissolute class of population who float about from place to place, not where they can obtain the *most work*, but where they can get along with the *least*.

Per order of the Board,

WILLIAM A. GORDON, Sec'y.

New Bedford, March 31st, 1855.

In Board of Aldermen, March 31, 1855.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

SANFORD S. HORTON, City Clerk.

In Common Council, March 31, 1855.

Concurred. I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

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THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Presented to the City Council, March 31, 1855.

New-Bedford:
E. ANTHONY, PRINTER TO THE CITY.
1855.

REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen, and the Common Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN:

IN accordance with the Ordinance for the establishment of the Free Public Library, the Trustees of that Institution, respectfully lay before you their Third Annual Report.

To the two former Reports of the Board, the members of the City Government are respectfully referred, for such details of its history and progress as will enable them to judge of its character, and of its value and position as one of the established instrumentalities of our municipal arrangements for the promotion of the well being of the people.

The legislative and municipal action which gave a legal position to this interesting and valuable institution; the activity and liberality which so prominently distinguished the movement by which the valuable property of the Old Social Library became the founda-

tion of the new establishment; the measures taken by the first Board of Trustees, to place the Library upon a broad and reliable foundation; the rules and regulations instituted by them, and which have with the sanction of the City government, continued to guide the action of all concerned with the Library; the encouraging circumstances of our first years' experience, and the details of our financial operations and estimates which have resulted in a generous and adequate provision for its support,—all these facts and circumstances are to be found in the previous reports, which it has been the duty and the privilege of this Board to place before the members of the City Government.

In the last Annual Report, the Trustees thus concisely and comprehensively set forth their views and opinions in relation to the Institution under their charge:

"We have by the experience of a period long enough to confirm every anticipation and dispel every doubt, demonstrated the practicability and the utility of a Free Public Library.

"To repeat the words of the former Board—'Our Library has become one of the institutions of the city.'

"It has become a valuable, and will soon be generally considered as an indispensable auxiliary in the great work of popular education.

"It has become incorporated, both in idea and in fact, into the catalogue of subjects demanding the fostering care and annual support of the municipal government.

"Its claims for such attention and support, are founded upon principles which lie at the foundation of our republican institutions.

"To train and enlighten the public mind is a work

to which a liberal portion of the public wealth must be devoted; and as being in harmony with this idea, and as the cap-stone of our beautiful system of public education, the Public Library has claims upon all whose aim is the promotion of the general welfare.

"Such was the theory when the work was begun by the State and completed by the City—such is now the *fact*, demonstrated by our experience, and placed beyond the reach of doubt or cavil.

"Upon the minds of the Trustees, the result to which we have arrived, after the operations of the year, have produced the most undoubting conviction that the Free Public Library is an instrumentality from which our community are deriving great and enduring advantages.

"We would give our most unqualified sanction to the principle upon which it is established and sustained.

"We hereby bear testimony to the practicability of the plan of its operation.

"We would with the earnestness of a strong desire and a most thorough conviction, lay before you the claims of the institution to your continued attention and liberal support.

"Its reputable and profitable support demands but a small pecuniary outlay; and it is confidently believed that from no portion of our annual appropriations of an equal amount will the people derive more satisfactory and enduring advantages.

"The establishment of a Free Public Library, by the municipal authorities of New Bedford—the pioneer undertaking of the Commonwealth—has conferred an honorable distinction upon our beloved city; a distinction which it is hoped and believed we shall con-

tinue to deserve, by giving it an enlightened and liberal support."

After the experience of another year, the foregoing statements, which we have taken from the reports of our immediate predecessors in office, continue to be, in their fullest extent, applicable to the Free Public Library.

We have incorporated them into our report, and now respectfully present them to you, as a plain and reliable statement of facts, and as embracing the views and opinions of those who have, during the past year, been by you placed in charge of the institution.

Nothing has occurred, since this important trust has been committed to our hands, to lead us to doubt the wisdom of the principle upon which it is founded, or weaken our confidence in the practicability of the plan of its operations. Our confidence in both remains unimpaired. In its principles, it is in harmony with the great facts which lie at the foundation of the people's progress and prosperity; and the almost unhoped for, and certainly unlooked for success which has attended its operations, from the opening of its doors to the present moment, has given to the principle the support of experience, and caused it to stand firm in the position in which it has been placed by the wise liberality of the City Council.

The Library statistics fully sustain the opinions we have advanced.

Twenty-one thousand and forty-one books were taken from the Library during the year ending March 4th.

The number of new cards issued during the year is *eight hundred and ten.*

The whole number of cards issued, is *three thousand one hundred and eighty-three.*

The number of books out, *eleven hundred.*

A recent examination of the Library has disclosed the gratifying fact, that at the time it was made, but *sixty volumes* were missing of the large number which has been placed upon its shelves. This favorable result was unexpected by the Trustees. They had feared, that the constant and almost unrestricted access allowed to the books; the universality of the right of "taking" allowed by the regulations, and the large number of persons who, at certains times are found crowded into our limited apartments, waiting their turn to be served by the Librarian, would have led to a much greater loss than was shown by the examination.

Taking into view all the circumstances of the case, such a result, after more than two years' operations, must be, it is believed, looked upon by you, as it has been by us, as exhibiting an aspect of security connected with this part of the public property satisfactory to its guardians, and creditable to the people. It shows that we have not been mistaken in the belief, that they could safely be entrusted with the custody of their own property. It gives unquestionable evidence of the fact, that the two fundamental rules set forth by a former Board, as those upon which the Library could alone securely rest—USE CAREFULLY, RETURN PROMPTLY—have been heeded and observed. We would earnestly express the hope that in this respect the future may be as the past. While we are thus encouraged by the past, we cannot but feel solicitous for the future; and under the influence of this deep solicitude, we would, with a clear conviction of their vital character, renew the caution and admonitions of our predecessors. We feel it to be our duty again to

impress upon the minds of all the takers of books from the Library, the important fact, that "THE RULES MUST BE OBSERVED, OR DISORDER, DECAY AND DISSOLUTION WILL SOON ATTEND UPON THIS ENLIGHTENED AND PRAISEWORTHY EFFORT TO OPEN TO THE PEOPLE THE AVENUES TO A MORE EXTENSIVE AND GENIAL CULTURE."

The past history and present position of the Library warrant the conclusion that its prosperity will continue to be an object of interest and attention to the City Government. It is therefore the duty of those who are from time to time entrusted with its management, to make such suggestions and recommendations to the authorities as may aid them in their efforts so to order their action in relation to it, that the object of its establishment may be most effectually attained.

To the argument by which the policy and legality of the appropriation last year made for its support was sustained, we have nothing to add. To our minds it is satisfactory and conclusive. That it was so viewed by the Council is evident from the fact that the appropriation recommended was cheerfully and unanimously made.

We would renew the recommendation. The sum of two thousand dollars, voted by the government and which has been expended by the Trustees, has met the demands made upon us for its security and management, and allowed a small but satisfactory outlay for its maintenance and increase. It is believed that all desirable economy has been observed by the Trustees in arranging for the necessary expenses of the Library, and that the selection of books has been governed by a single eye to the interest of those for whose benefit they have been purchased. While care has been taken that no publication injurious to the public morals should find a place upon our shelves, we have endeav-

ored to divest ourselves, in our efforts to place before our fellow-citizens the means of "a more extensive and genial culture," of all narrow and sectarian partialities. In this respect, we are gratified to be able to state that no difference of opinion has for a single moment interrupted the harmony and unanimity of our proceedings. Every member of the Board has kept constantly in view the fact, that he had been called upon to discharge an important public duty, and that within the limits of that comprehensive circle wherein are found the wise and good of all classes, ranks, parties and sects, he was to know nothing in the performance of that duty, but the benefit and improvement of all. The publications upon our tables, as well as the books we have been enabled to place upon our shelves, will, it is believed, afford ample evidence of the controlling presence of this all important principle of action.

A large number of books purchased by the Trustees the past year, have been recent publications. So numerous has been the issue of new books, that a careful selection of such of them as seems to demand a place upon our shelves, has necessarily absorbed a large proportion of the limited amount of means at our disposal. And this must, it is supposed, continue to be the case. The public claim the right to demand of the managers of the Library access to the new publications as they issue from the press. This demand is reasonable and proper, and within reasonable limits, should be met promptly and liberally. The Trustees have, as they hope and believe, come up to the public expectation in this particular. All the new and desirable books they have not been able to obtain; but many and perhaps a majority of such as have a claim to a position in our collection have been purchased,

and while this demand, made by the public and recognized by the managers, has been met to an extent which has satisfied both the public want and the judgment of the Board, a margin has been left for the addition to our limited store of those older publications which make up the true wealth of every extensive Library. Every year it is to be hoped that some progress may be made in this direction. The fact should never be lost sight of, that our collection, valuable and extensive as it is, is yet very incomplete in many of the most important departments of human learning. A small amount of the appropriation annually made for the Library, devoted to the purchase of the standard books of the language not yet upon our shelves, will gradually supply this deficiency, and thus give to our inhabitants access to the rich treasures of wisdom and knowledge which have been left to us as a legacy by the "mighty dead," while they enjoy and improve the opportunities afforded them for holding intercourse with the living mind of the world.

While the Board would express themselves satisfied with the appropriation which was last year voted to the "support, maintenance and increase" of the Public Library, and believe that the sum of two thonsand dollars for the next year will be sufficient to sustain it in a creditable and useful position, they feel bound to call the attention of the City government to the fact that more extensive and securer apartments are demanded for its accommodation.

The rooms now occupied by the Library are limited and unsafe. The public need better accommodations, and the books a safer depository. Our rooms are often too crowded for safety, comfort or convenience. Our books, now a large and valuable collection, are

every moment exposed to destruction. We feel bound to state these facts without circumlocution or qualification.

The public good in its highest and most comprehensive meaning, demands, in our opinion, a depository for the Public Library, more extensive and more secure. The value of the books it contains, and the position it now occupies in the public mind, claim for it the means of a safer and more advantageous arrangement for its keeping and its use. In what way shall these objects so desirable, may we not say indispensable, be obtained? How shall this great and imminent public want be met?

Could we hope that success would attend upon our appeals, we would point to Worcester, to Boston, to Danvers, to New York, to Philadelphia, and many other places where wealth has been ennobled by a devotion of a portion of its abundance to the erection of magnificent edifices for this purpose, and call upon those who are among us, or are of us, the men and the women who have been nourished within our borders, and who have here or elsewhere been made rich by an activity and enterprise having this city for its centre, to come forward, emulative of this noble example, and give to us a building for our Library which would not suffer from a comparison with those, which, in the places we have named have been devoted, by a princely liberality, to the cause of knowledge and virtue.

And why should we doubt of success? Are we mistaken in the belief that there are men and women among us, who, with the possession of large means are also blessed with large hearts? It were a libel upon the fair fame of our city to suppose, that there is not among our people of wealth, a fair share of that

public spirit and benevolent activity which have prompted to the acts which have given a proud and honored prominence to the name of Bates and Peabody, Salisbury and Astor.

It is true, that thus far in our history, there have been but few examples of the presence of that feeling which has prompted to those acts of princely liberality to which we have alluded.

As yet, but few monuments of this kind tell the story of such an enlightened devotedness to the general welfare.

Not that our citizens have been wanting when a call has been made upon them in the name of divine charity, for the relief of the destitute and neglected. The demands of benevolence have always been met, and a large and generous bounty has ever characterized the acts of our people, when a tale of suffering has reached their ears.

Princely have been our expenditures for the education of our youth, and the appropriations for this noble purpose have been as cheerfully accorded as they have been ample in amount.

The same generous and enlightened spirit, roused into activity in behalf of the institution whose interests are so intimately connected with the well-being of our people and the fair fame of our city, would, we are assured, secure for it the advantages of a safe, commodious and tasteful building.

The public spirit and well directed benevolence which shall rear a convenient and ornamental structure for our Free Public Library, will secure for the name of him who shall be the honored instrument in the accomplishment of such an undertaking, an enviable and enduring reputation.

The work belongs to one or more of the wealthy, enlightened and benevolent inhabitants of our city. Are we mistaken in supposing that there are those among us, who, desirous of devoting a portion of the wealth which Providence has bestowed upon them, to the public good, and prompted by a laudable ambition to give such a direction to their munificence as will secure to them the gratitude of their fellow-citizens and the regard of posterity, will erect a monument so noble in its purpose, so elevating in its results? No doubtful or limited benefit would attend upon the consummation of such an undertaking. Without restriction or qualification will be accorded to him the title of PUBLIC BENEFACTOR, who shall thus generously and benevolently allow his name to designate the structure which shall be reared for the purpose of our FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

But we are digressing. We have allowed the hopes and anticipations of personal feeling to lead us away from a legitimate discharge of our duty as stewards of a public trust. As Trustees of the Public Library, it is not for us, in our communications to the body from which we derive our official existence and authority, to depart from the limited range of remark and recommendation to which such a position should confine us.

Returning then to the subject of a more safe and convenient depository for our books, and to such a restricted view of it as properly belongs to the relation we bear to your body and to the public, we would earnestly press upon the consideration of the municipal government such a course in relation to it, as will secure the important objects we have named—increased accommodation and greater safety.

The Board have not been unmindful of their own

duties in this respect. They have had constantly pressing upon them the inconvenience and danger of our existing arrangements. Under such circumstances they have felt bound to give attention to the subject and take such action in relation to it as their official responsibility appeared to demand.

Not regarding the erection of a new building as at present an attainable object, they have been led to the examination of the City Hall with a view to the accommodation of the Library in the lower story of that safe, central, and beautiful building.

The action taken by the Board upon the subject has already been communicated to the City Council, and is now before your body awaiting its determination.

It may not be improper, in view of the present position of the subject before the Council, and as constituting a part of the proceedings of the Board, to place before you that part of our records which embrace the report of a committee to whom it was referred.

It was in the month of June last, that a committee which had been charged with the subject made in relation to it the following report.

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of safe and more convenient rooms for the accommodation of the Free Public Library, have given some attention to the subject, and would now beg leave respectfully to report.

"It has always been supposed by the Trustees, that the room now occupied by the Library, would afford us but temporary accommodations. We have from the beginning, looked forward to the time when the City government would take measures for providing a permanent and secure place for the Library, and more convenient and accessible accommodations for the large

and increasing number of citizens who visit it for books and for the purpose of study and recreation.

"The rooms now occupied by the Library were the best that could be procured at the time we commenced our operations. But there are many and very important objections to them; and the Committee are clear in the conviction that it was the duty of the Board, without further delay, to institute proceedings having in view a removal to a *permanent*, *safe* and *convenient* location.

1.—"The rooms are too small for the accommodation of the Library. But few more books can be conveniently arranged upon our shelves. The accommodations for those who visit the Library to read or study, are very limited. It is desirable that a Reading Room should be provided, separate from the depository for the books. At times the room is very much crowded, and much inconvenience is the result, particularly to the females.

2.—"The building is unsafe. As a proof of this, we need only to mention the fact, that the rate of insurance now paid by the City, upon the property in the Library, is three per cent. per annum, the highest rate of premium, it is believed, charged upon any kind of risk. It is getting more and more unsafe. At this time there is not, perhaps, a more exposed situation in our City. An application is now before the Mayor and Aldermen, for leave to establish and maintain a steam engine in a building in close proximity with that which contains the Library.*

"Notwithstanding our property is partially insured, the fact that our large and valuable Library is constantly liable to be destroyed by fire, is a source of deep and continued anxiety. There are many books in our col-

*Since granted.

lection which money cannot obtain; and the sum insured could not restore to us a Library any thing like so valuable. But a short time after we had taken possession of our rooms, the building containing them took fire, and a few moments delay in its discovery would have resulted in the entire destruction of the Library. The committee are deeply impressed with the magnitude of this danger, and they would endeavor to impress upon the minds of the Trustees the importance of taking immediate measures to relieve this valuable property from the hazard to which it is exposed.

"The committee have understood that the attention of the municipal authorities has already been directed to the subject.

"The danger to which our property is exposed, the inadequate accommodations the present rooms afford, and a conviction that an arrangement could be made by which a remedy would be provided for both these evils, and, at the same time, a saving made to the city treasury, have led to the examination of this subject on the part of the City government.

"It is believed by your committee, that all this can be done.

"It has been proposed to devote that part of the basement story of the City Hall, now used for a market, to the purpose of a Free Public Library, and the School Library.

"The rooms have been examined by the committee who unite in the opinion that they are well calculated for the purpose.

"Ample arrangements could be made, within the space occupied by the market-stalls, for the safe and convenient accommodation of the books now in the Library, and for any desirable increase for several years

to come, while the visitors, either for books or for study, could be much better provided for than is at present possible.

"The committee do not feel at liberty to go beyond this simple statement. It does not belong to them to enter into an examination of that policy, which has hitherto led the municipal authorities in all our large towns and cities to provide accommodation for the venders of meats and vegetables.

"It may not, however, be improper for them to remark, that the policy is now less generally pursued than formerly, and that many of our large cities are seriously debating the question of an entire change.

"It is becoming pretty well understood that there is no imperative obligation resting upon the public authorities to provide places of business for the dealers in 'beef and greens.' The question is asked, 'why not flour as well as meat—tea, coffee and sugar, as well as turnips, cabbages and spinage?' A change in this respect is not a matter of speculation alone.

"It is rapidly taking place without the action of authority. Meat shops are multiplying in all our large cities, and within the limits of our own, there are, at this time, more than twenty stores occupied by the dealers in the articles heretofore found almost exclusively at the public market.

"Should an investigation of this subject satisfy our City government, that it is neither necessary or expedient for the public to provide places of business for one class of traders more than another, and that the traders in beef and beans, veal and vegetables, can, without inconvenience to the public, be allowed to make their own business arrangements, the spacious basement of the City Hall, now, for the most part devoted to

the market could be fitted up for the purposes of the City. No better accommodations for the Library could be found or desired. It would be safe and central. The books would be secure and accessible. Economy and convenience would both be promoted by the change."

The statements and recommendations of the report are respectfully commended to your favorable notice. Should the suggestions therein contained, lead the City Council to take further action upon the subject, it will become the duty of the Board, to the extent of their ability, to aid in any effort that may be made, to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

We give, with great pleasure, the list of those friends of the Library and of Literature, who have, during the past year, been thoughtful of our claims to their attention and regard.

We have received books and other publications from the following:

Asa R. Nye, Esq., Mrs. Eliza G. Wood, Hon. J. H. W. Page, Secretary of the State of New York, Hon. Thomas D. Eliot, A. J. Phipps, Esq., Trustees of the Public Library, Boston, Mrs. H. G. O. Colby, Smithsonian Institute, Charles Mason, Esq., Charles Russell, Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Andover, D. C. Brown, Esq., Trustees of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbridge, George M. Bunker, Esq., William Logan Rodman, Esq.

We desire in this public manner to acknowledge the receipt from the celebrated engravers, Messrs. Topham, Carpenter, Casilear & Co., of New York, a beautiful engraving of the City Seal, and a heading for the correspondence of the Trustees. This exquisite specimen of Art, so useful and ornamental, is highly regarded by

us, not only for the skill with which it is wrought, but for the liberality which bestowed it upon the Free Public Library.

The whole number of volumes now in the Library, is about eight thousand.

Of this number there have been added during the past year about one thousand.

The small balance which will appear to the credit of the Library, on the books of the City Treasurer, has been anticipated by expenditures, the bills of which have not yet been presented.

All of which is respectfully presented.

RODNEY FRENCH,
Mayor of the City, and, ex-officio,
Pres't of the Board of Trustees.

ABNER J. PHIPPS, SEC'y.

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REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW-BEDFORD,

FOR THE YEAR

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REPORT.

The School Committee of the City of New Bedford, for the municipal year, now drawing to a close, in compliance with statute regulation, respectfully submit their Report of the transactions of the Board, and the condition of the Department under their charge during their connection therewith.

Duly impressed with the importance and value of the interests confided to them, and solicitous that those interests should suffer no detriment at their hands, either through neglect or mistaken judgment, but that their administration might compare favorably in its fruits with any that have preceded it, the Committee entered upon the onerous duties of their trust with sincere interest, and have pursued them with constancy and patience. None can judge so well as they of the general results of their labors. They may have failed in securing many of the objects of their wishes, and it would be unreasonable to expect otherwise. They may not be able to point to any extraordinary achievement in any particular direction, upon which they would rest their claims of success; nor, indeed, would they esteem that altogether the best ambition. Their aim has been rather the infusion of increased life, energy and efficiency throughout the whole department.

They have not striven for the promotion of *specialties* in particular schools, or grades of schools, but have rather sought to improve and elevate the whole establishment by the exercise of beneficial influences permeating through all its ramifications. No part of the system has been cared for, consciously, at the expense of another; and it is confidently believed that the time and attention, which they have bestowed, has not been altogether misapplied and unprofitable. Many evils in different parts of the extended system have been modified, if not entirely removed; leaving only to those, who are to follow, the task of sustaining the impetus already given in the right direction.

The machinery has generally worked smoothly in its details; and in the character of the general sentiment of all connected with the promotion of this great interest—teachers as well as members of the Committee,—may be traced the working of good influences, which are none the less effective and fruitful, because unseen and silent in their operations. The relations between the Committee and teachers have been harmonious and satisfactory. Both have seemed to realize that there is nothing antagonistic in their relative position; that their object is the same, and that their labors should be in the same path. And, as the natural result of a consciousness of this unity of interest, the teachers have uniformly been pleased to receive any suggestions from the Committee, and have cheerfully complied with them.

The Committee are gratified in being able to say that the schools, as a whole, have been creditably sustained, and will compare not unfavorably with those of the same grade elsewhere. There may be cases in which, through causes beyond the con-

trol of the Committee, schools have not appeared to as good advantage as at some former period; but these instances are rare, and in most of them the deterioration does not involve the discredit of the teachers. Examinations have been made, from time to time during the year, of all the schools, varying in extent and thoroughness, but always sufficient to enable the Committee to arrive at a decided opinion in regard to the condition of the schools. It has been the almost invariable practice of this Board to conduct the examination themselves, instead of passively listening to exercises conducted by the teachers. This mode of examination certainly affords the surer test of the pupils' attainments; especially of their understanding of the principles of the branch of study, in which the examination is made.

The scale of salaries paid to teachers was moderately raised by the Committee at the beginning of the year. The whole amount paid this year in salaries exceeds that of the year previous by about 15 per cent. the difference being about $3.000.

The selection of teachers has been a subject upon which the Committee have exercised much care. This is obviously the most important duty, which they are called upon to discharge, and one to which too much attention cannot be devoted. None will deny this; and yet it is believed that very many, who admit the truth of the proposition, fail of being impressed with its full meaning; that it is to very many a mere truism, which seems hardly worth the pains of illustration. It is only when it is remembered that the teacher's duties are not confined to instruction in the text books, nor his influence limited by school hours, and to the individuals for the time under his charge; when it is

considered that the school is the nursery of the State, and that the teacher acts almost directly upon the well being of general society, that the grave responsibility of his office becomes manifest.

"Education," said Plato, "makes the man and the citizen, and the school either spoils or ennobles the nation." The lapse of upwards of two thousand years has in no degree impaired the wisdom of this apothegm of the pagan philosopher. It is as true now, as when it was uttered; and perhaps as applicable even to our common schools as to the Academy of Athens.

The labors of a teacher in every grade of school, and especially in the lower grades, are bestowed upon impressible and ductile material. His pupils are more ready to learn from observation, example and oral instruction than from their text books; their intuitions are wonderfully quick, and their minds and hearts receive impressions without effort or consciousness, which with years are to harden into the unchangeable character of the man. If the impressions made by teaching and example in their tender years are good; if the desires of their nature and the sentiments of their hearts are directed to what is true and elevated, so that all their impulses are generous and noble, and this spirit is fostered and confirmed during their school years, all injustice and baseness and meanness will be as foreign to their manhood, as though temptation never visited them. Intellectual capacity and literary attainments, together with power and skill in using them, are, of course, absolutely essential elements of a good teacher, and are not in the slightest degree underrated; but, to make these qualities serviceable to society, character must underlie them. The statute of the Commonwealth requires this; and not only the mere possession

of moral attributes as inactive, slumbering principles, but that they should be an active, vivifying agency. With reference to our system of public education, there is especial propriety in this requirement. When it is remembered to how considerable a proportion of the pupils of our public schools the blessing of happy and refined home influences is denied, and to whom the training of the schools is all they can ever have; the early age at which children are sent to the public schools, and the large proportion of time each day during many years they are under the teacher's guidance, the importance of other instruction than that relating to their text books becomes obvious.

It should be the desire and object of those connected with the school department to send out into the world boys and girls, who may be not only able to pass a good examination in all the branches of a common English education, but who have become familiarized with sound and healthy views of life; who have been instructed and interested in the duties of the several relations of life, and who have been educated to know the true and right by intuition, and to choose it without effort; boys with healthy, manly souls in them, and girls, whose tastes and sentiments shall be pure and lofty and womanly. The end and aim of all education is to make men and women fit and competent to discharge the duties of a refined humanity in their various vocations in life; and this object never can be attained by simple instruction in Arithmetic and its kindred branches, however diligently they may be studied.

The Committee wish not to be misapprehended. They are not to be understood as depreciating the necessity of diligent application to intellectual study,

but as insisting upon the cultivation of the moral nature, as the sole condition upon which knowledge is valuable to society, or even to its possessor. The teacher, who conceives that he is discharging the whole duty of his station in requiring perfect recitations of the appointed tasks, does little credit to his profession. Much more is necessary, than ability, and the faculty of imparting intellectual instruction. He must be circumspect in his conduct, and exceedingly careful in his conversation. He must endeavor to render himself to his pupils a model of honesty, moderation, justice and self-denial, as well as to impress them with his ability and intellectual attainments. Indeed, when viewed intelligently, there is no occupation in life, in which a well balanced character is more essential to success, than in that of teacher of youth. It is said that the profession of the teacher is emerging from its hitherto unmerited obscurity, and is rising to its proper place in public estimation; and it is a happy event in the history of society. It is indicative of the progress of liberal sentiment; for the profession of teacher, as every other, will rise or fall in respectability and dignity in precise correspondence with the popular requirement. If a community is satisfied with, and encourages quacks and pettifoggers, all men, who have a just sense of the true dignity of their professions, and will neither degrade them, nor debase themselves, must of necessity retire, or be crowded out. And this is as true of the teacher's profession as of every other.

Much inconvenience is experienced by the Committee from having no room appropriated by the City Government to their exclusive use. They occupy the Council Chamber for their meetings, when the meetings of the two bodies do not fall on the same eve-

nings, which is very frequently the case. In that event, the School Committee are obliged either to postpone their meeting to such time as they can find the chamber vacant, or descend into contracted and uncomfortable quarters in the basement of the building. But beyond this reason, which touches only the comfort and dignity of the Board, there is another reason why the Committee should be provided with an apartment of their own. It is exceedingly important to the community, as well as to the Committee, that there should be some repository for the books and papers of the Committee, which would accumulate every year, if any place of deposit were provided, which are now scattered and lost. Much embarrassment has been felt in preparing this Report for this very reason, that the reports of sub-committees, made at various times during the year, and from which valuable matter might be extracted, are not to be found. There should be some place for the meetings of the Committee and for such deposit, to which the Board might have constant access. The School Committee is the only branch of the City Government not provided for in this respect.

In the pages next following are enumerated all the schools of the City, together with the names of the teachers, and the per centage and average of attendance. Such changes, as have been very recently made, will be noticed in what may be said hereafter upon the particular schools affected.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Male Department.	av. att.	per cent.
John F. Emerson, *Principal.*	44	.95
Guilford S. Newcomb, *Assistant.*		
Female Department.		
Emma M. Converse, *Principal.*	55	.92
Eliza A. Tobey, *Assistant.*		
Elizabeth C. Babcock, *Assistant.*		

PARKER STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ebenezer Hervey, *Principal.*	105	.95
Harriet P. Cushman, *Assistant.*		
Abby S. Tobey, *Assistant.*		
Cordelia A. Morton, *Assistant.*		

CHARLES STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Abbie M. Nelson, *Principal.*	98	.90
Louisa E. Colburn, *First Assistant.*		
Mary E Cranston, *Second Assistant.*		

MIDDLE STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

James S. Barrell, *Principal.*	105	.79
Mary A. Underwood, *First Assistant.*		
Margaret T. Barker, *Second Assistant.*		
Abbie A. K. Howard, *Third Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Sylvander Hutchinson, *Principal.*	107	.93
Julia A. M. Clark, *First Assistant.*		
Phœbe R. Cathell, *Second Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Hannah B. Robinson, *Principal.*	85	.93
Amanda Hinckley, *First Assistant.*		
Mary E. Smith, *Second Assistant.*		

GROVE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ivory S. Cornish, *Principal.*	81	.93
Ann M. Bonney, *Assistant.*		

ACUSHNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

William A. Chamberlin, *Principal.*	38	.86

MIXED SCHOOL.

Nehemiah Lincoln, Jr., *Principal.*	54	.91
Mary C. Slocum, *Assistant.*		

PARKER STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

	av. att.	per cent.
Annie R. Commerford, *Principal.*	58	.88
Sylvia A. Chace, *Assistant.*		

KEMPTON STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Elizabeth Howland, *Principal.*	104	.86
Betsey T. Wing, *First Assistant.*		
Sarah M. Simmons, *Second Assistant.*		

MAXFIELD STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Eliza J. D. Shepherd, *Principal.*	81	.84
Anna M. Harlow, *First Assistant.*		
Emeline H. Richardson, *Second Assistant.*		

CHARLES STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Clara D. Cory, *Principal.*	63	.87
Eliza C. Lewis, *Assistant.*		

WILLIAM STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Mary E. Savery, *Principal.*	86	.86
Mary H. Crowell, *First Assistant.*		
Susan E. Brown, *Second Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Mary T. Congdon, *Principal.*	68	.87
Mary E. Allen, *Assistant.*		

SIXTH STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Sarah D. Ottiwell, *Principal.*	106	.91
E. Emily Cushman, *First Assistant.*		
Charlotte Carr, *Second Assistant.*		

HILL INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Helen M. Gordon, *Principal.*	73	.89
Jane M. Gardner, *Assistant.*		

GROVE PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Caroline E. Bonney, *Principal.*	95	.84
Harriet N. Allen, *First Assistant.*		
Mary J. Chase, *Second Assistant.*		

ACUSHNET PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.

Hannah S. Payson, *Principal.*	30	.81

HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Susan T. Shearman, *Principal.*	50	.83
Eleanor Commerford, *Assistant.*		

PARKER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

	av. att.	per cent.
Anna R. Thornton, *Principal.*	67	.79
Abby F. Bryant, *Assistant.*		

MAXFIELD STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mary B. White, *Principal.*	102	.79
Amanda J. Clark, *First Assistant.*		
Joanna P. Nash, *Second Assistant.*		

CHARLES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Jane M. Cook, *Principal.*	113	.76
Lucinda C. Perry, *First Assistant.*		
Susan M. Tompkins, *Second Assistant.*		

WILLIAM STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Sarah H. Hewins, *Principal.*	100	.79
Clarissa S. Staples, *First Assistant.*		
Caroline S. Randall, *Second Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Anna M. Bailey, *Principal.*	93	.88
Lucy A. Manchester, *First Assistant.*		
Mary A. Sandford, *Second Assistant.*		

SIXTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Harriet N. Covell, *Principal.*	90	.85
Susan R. Nichols, *First Assistant.*		
Sophia E. Haffords, *Second Assistant.*		

GRIFFIN STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mary R. Howe, *Principal.*	64	.84
Maria T. Lothrop, *Assistant.*		

NORTH SCHOOL.

Amantha J. Borden, *Principal.*	25	.80

PERRY'S NECK SCHOOL.

Judith S. Macomber, *Principal.*	22	.83

HASKIN'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Miranda A Williams, *Principal.*	28	.79

CANNONVILLE SCHOOL.

Dorothy P. King, *Principal.*	59	.86
Louisa F. Bryant, *Assistant.*		

CLARK'S POINT SCHOOL.

Sarah Brett, *Principal.*	10	.68

ALMS HOUSE SCHOOL.

	av. att.	per cent.
Hannah S. Macomber, *Principal.*	19	.98

EVENING ADULT SCHOOL.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

Philander Bryant, *Principal.*	37	
Cyrenus Haskins, *Assistant.*		

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Ivory S Cornish, *Principal.*	75	
Mary T. Congdon, Anna M. Bailey, Susan T. Congdon. } *Assistants.*		

To these may be added the new school just established on Cedar street. It is a Primary school, and opened soon after the beginning of the present term, under the charge of Miss Dorothy P. King.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In consequence of the want of accommodation in the Hill *Primary and Intermedial* school room for all who applied for admission, it was found necessary by the Committee to divide the school. During the summer the *Primary* school was kept in an apartment hired in the vicinity of the Hill School House, which was, however, contracted and altogether unsuited to the purpose, but the only one to be obtained. Upon the suspension of the *Hill Grammar* school in the fall, the *Intermedial* school was moved up stairs, and the *Primary* school took possession of the lower story of the building, and is now, of course, well accommodated.

The schools of this grade have been very much interrupted during the past year by the great prevalence of the Measles, Whooping Cough, Varioloid &c.

Some of them, for a time, have been almost broken up from this cause. Taking this fact into consideration, the attendance has been remarkably well sustained. It is believed that these schools, generally, are doing their appropriate work. Great progress in study is not to be expected. Constant drill is what is most required. Long continued application of mind ought not to be expected; nor should long confinement of body be tolerated, nor every expression of innocent joyousness, incident to early childhood, be harshly repressed. The maintenance of decent order and strict attention to the instruction of the teacher during short periods is all that can reasonably be desired. The Primary teacher requires for success peculiar qualifications. She must be fond of children, understand their nature, and be able to sympathize in their joys and troubles. Literary attainments will not compensate for the want of these qualities. It is by no means unfrequent, that a teacher of great acquirements utterly fails in a Primary school. When, therefore, one is found well qualified for a Primary teacher, it would seem best to give such a salary, as will make her satisfied with her position, and quiet all desire for what, from an increase of pay, is regarded as promotion.

The reports of the sub-committee on these schools represent their condition as follows, viz:

The *Hill Primary* School during the greater part of the year from the time of its separation from the *Intermedial* school, especially during the summer and fall, was much broken up by the prevalence of the Measles and Varioloid, and until the middle of the fall, the school was miserably provided for; though, as has been before stated, the Committee could do no better for it under the circumstances. The wants of

the school required two rooms, but only one apartment could be hired in the neighborhood, and even that in an unsuitable location. Since the school has occupied its present quarters, its appearance and real condition is much improved.

The *Parker Street Primary* School appears well. In this school there is much need of a class room, and the subject was recently referred to a sub-committee with instructions to report the most judicious mode of accomplishing the object. Two recitations going on at the same time, in different parts of the same room is very prejudicial to the maintenance of a good school.

The *Charles Street Primary* School still continues to be the largest Primary school in the City. During a portion of the year four teachers were employed, though the room was designed for but two, or at most three. Miss Cranston, for some time Principal, finding the labor and fatigue attending the charge of so large a school wearing upon her health, was, at her own request, appointed an Assistant in the *Charles Street Girls' Grammar* school. The attendance diminishing about that time from sickness or other cause, it was thought by the Committee, that three teachers could carry on the school; and so they have continued to do to the present time with much credit. Miss Jane M. Cook was appointed Principal in the place of Miss Cranston, transferred.

The *William Street Primary* School is well reported. The uniformity in the exercises was worthy of favorable comment. The school is under the guidance of the same teachers as last year, and for some time previous, and exhibits the advantages of such permanency.

The *Bush Street Primary* School. The number at-

tending this school had become so large, that during the summer it was thought necessary by the Committee to add another Assistant, making three in all. The appointment was conferred on Miss Mary A. Sandford. It became, unhappily, necessary, in consequence, to partition off a portion of the main room for a class room. The influence exerted in this school is believed to be good, and the exercises were very creditable.

The *Sixth Street Primary* School. In this school Miss Haffards was appointed to the place of second Assistant, made vacant by the transfer of Miss Bryant to the *Parker Street Primary* School. This school has suffered much during the year from interruptions occasioned by sickness, and is not therefore to be judged by a very severe standard.

The *Griffin Street Primary* School sustains its former good reputation. Good order is preserved, but at the same time there is an entire absence of that rigid restraint, which is so painful to observe in children. The exercises were very good. In the words of the last Annual Report, "it is a pleasant school to visit."

The *Maxfield Street Primary* School is under the same management as at the beginning of the year, and, considering the disturbance occasioned to the school during the greater part of the year by the blasting of rocks, and hammering of stone in its immediate vicinity, for a capacious public reservoir, has maintained its commendable position remarkably well.

The wants of the western section of the City required the establishment of another Primary school, and a building has just been completed by the City authorities, on the corner of Cedar and Maxfield streets, to meet that want, in which a new Primary school has been established under the charge of Miss King.

INTERMEDIAL SCHOOLS.

These schools have suffered to some extent in the same way as the Primary, in consequence of interruptions in attendance by epidemic disease. They are, as a whole, in quite as good a condition as can be expected, and in most of them much progress has been made.

In this grade of school one may reasonably expect to find more diligent application to study, more orderly demeanor, and some considerable knowledge of rudiments. It has always been observed with regret by the Committee, that pupils, encouraged by their parents, are in exceeding haste to leave these schools, and enter the Grammar schools. It is a great mistake. It is vastly better to be well prepared, than be able only just to squeeze in, and struggle along, and at the same time drag down the school below its desired standard.

The *Grove Primary and Intermedial* School is the only remaining instance in the City proper of the union of schools of different grades. It is much to be hoped, that an expedient way will show itself shortly, by which this school can be divided. At the beginning of the year, the Primary and Intermedial schools at the Hill were united, but favoring circumstances enabled the Committee to make a separation. A union is disadvantageous to both schools in an almost equal degree. The *Grove Intermedial* school is favorably reported, and within two or three years has very greatly improved. During the summer term leave of absence was granted to Miss Bonney, the Principal, in consequence of ill health, and her place was supplied by Mrs. Allen, the First Assistant, who sustained the increased burden, thus imposed upon her, very creditably.

The *Sixth Street Intermedial* School. At one period

during the year this school was reported to the Board as not quite equal to what it had been in times past. The teachers were not exactly held responsible, but for some reason the school did not appear as well as was expected. During the latter half of the year, however, it seems to have regained its former position.

The *Bush Street Intermedial* School is in a good condition. The teachers have long been connected with the school, and understand their duties. An excellent influence is exerted there.

The *William Street Intermedial* School continues to maintain its excellence.

The *Charles Street Intermedial* School appears very well. It was reported last year as having fallen off in the branch of Reading. Especial attention to this defect has probably been the consequence, and the exercises in this branch are now excellent.

The *Kempton Street Intermedial* School, notwithstanding it is presided over by one of the most judicious and capable teachers in the service, has suffered somewhat in its general character and appearance from the evil influences of a few troublesome and turbulent children, who are sustained in their insubordination by their parents, and who ought properly to be removed to such a school as the Mixed school. It has been sometimes necessary for the teachers to call upon the Committee to quiet difficulties. In spite of this serious disadvantage the school exhibits the result of good management and teaching.

The *Maxfield Street Intermedial* School. In the latter part of the year Miss Smith was transferred from the Second Assistant's place in this school to the *Bush Street Girls' Grammar* School, and Miss Richardson was appointed to her place, but being altogether inex-

perienced in teaching, could not be expected at once to make good the vacancy occasioned by Miss Smith's transfer. This school, as well as the Primary school, underneath, has been much annoyed during a great part of the year by the blasting of rocks and the hammering of stone under their windows. The violent explosions, and the monotonous clicking of the stone drill naturally wrought very much on the nerves of both teachers and pupils, and much credit is really due to both, that no request was pressed to have the school temporarily suspended. It was necessary for a long time to keep the blinds closed on the Pleasant street side of the building, and the children could not safely be allowed to play out of doors. Considering these disadvantages, the school has made very commendable progress, and exhibits a remarkable degree of good order. .

The *Parker Street Intermedial* School ranks but fairly among the schools of its grade.

The *Hill Intermedial* School is a very orderly, well kept school. Improvement during the past year is very perceptible.

Sufficient importance is not ordinarily attached to these schools. It is of very great consequence, that the work, appointed to them to do, should be well done. The Committee find much pleasure in the belief that some of the best teachers in the service are at the head of some of the schools of this grade.

MIXED SCHOOL.

This school continues to fulfil the expectations and hopes of the Committee. The teachers remain unchanged, and they have continued to labor with much

fidelity. Considering the material of the school, they seem to have done quite as much as any other in the service. Mr. Lincoln, the Principal, has been in the school since its establishment, and thoroughly understands his task. He ranks with the best of the Grammar masters in his qualifications for teaching. There is no school in the City better governed than the Mixed school. The exercises of the pupils were very satisfactory.

A great improvement has been made in the appearance of the school room within the past few months. Despairing of securing the erection of a new building for this school during the year now closing, the Committee felt impelled by a strong sense of duty to improve in some measure the building now occcupied, though fearing to do very much, lest the reply should be made in answer to a future application for a new building, that so much money had been recently expended on the old building, it was hardly worth while to abandon it before realizing some benefit of the improvement. The desks removed were old, and once discarded when they were placed in this school, and there can be no excuse for having put them there, except that the establishment of the school was regarded as an experiment, and economy was an object. The general aspect of the room corresponded with the desks, and it is a matter of surprise that good teachers could be induced to stay there, and much more so, that they have been able to keep up the attendance of the school to what it has been. The school room has been painted, and thoroughly cleaned and new floored, and has entirely lost its gloomy, repellant air. The general neatness of the room, and especially the care that has been taken by the scholars to preserve the fair appear-

ance of the furniture, cannot be sufficiently commended. This unexpensive improvement has operated most favorably upon the school. The Committee still deem it their duty to repeat the recommendation of better provision for this school in some less public locality than "Market Square." A similar school for girls is much needed.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

These schools have been visited and examined from time to time during the year. At the close of the last term a minute examination was made of all of them in some branches. In the report of the sub-committee they appear as follows, viz:

The *Acushnet Grammar* School. During a large part of the year, the attendance has been rather small in consequence of prevailing sickness. The performances were generally creditable. The first class in Arithmetic was thought deserving of particular commendation. The exercises in Reading and Grammar were favorably noticed.

The *Acushnet Primary and Intermedial* School has been considerably interrupted at different times of the year, particularly the last part, from the same cause which has affected the last named school. This school has been heretofore reported as in a rather low condition. It is thought, however, that it has latterly improved. There is certainly an improvement in point of order and general appearance. When a new school is established in the neighborhood of Belville, the attendance of this school and the Grammar school will be probably so much reduced as to render it expedient to unite them.

In consequence of ill health, Miss Payson has resigned the charge of this school, and Miss Susan E. Harrington has been appointed in her place.

The *North School.* During the past six months this school has been under the charge of Miss Borden, but is now committed to Mrs. Jane C. Thompson, who has quite recently entered upon her duties. The result of the examination of the school has caused the Committee very much to regret that Miss Borden could not be induced to remain longer in charge. The general management of the school, and many of the exercises were excellent.

The *Perry's Neck* School has improved in attendance, though the number belonging to the school has somewhat diminished. The exercises of the school are reported as generally good.

The *Haskin's Corner* School is not reported quite as favorably as last year, though no reproof was implied. The exercises generally were reported to be *fair*, those in Arithmetic were reported as something below that.

The *Cannonville* School is not very favorably reported. Its condition is not thought to be equal to what it was a year ago. It is a large school, and for the past year, at least, has been an exceedingly hard school to govern. The health of the Principal has not been equal to the task, and, at her request, she has been transferred to the less arduous, but no less important station of Principal of the new Primary School on Cedar street. This school has suffered much for some time past from the attendance of a number of large boys, who have caused the teachers much trouble and vexation, and who should have been under the more rigid discipline of a man. This source of an-

noyance, however, is now removed, and it is thought, the school will revive. Miss Charlotte E. Mendall has just been appointed its Principal.

The *Point* School is exceedingly small. The average attendance throughout the year has been only *ten ;* sometimes falling below that number. It lacks life and spirit. It is well deserving the consideration of the incoming Board, whether or not it is expedient to continue the school. The expense of its maintenance is certainly disproportionate to its usefulness, as compared with all the other schools.

The *Alms House* School continues to be well conducted, and the visits of the Committee have satisfied them of its usefulness. During the past year nearly four-fifths of its members have been *truants*, sent there by order of the Police Court; and it is believed that the number might be considerably increased. The operation of the Truant Law has been salutary. Its effect upon those sent to this school has almost uniformly been reformatory. The Alms House is not exactly the place for the establishment of such a school, but it was the best arrangement that could be made for the time. It is much to be hoped that the City Government will consider favorably the propriety and expediency of establishing a *Farm School* within the limits of the City, where unruly children can be better cared for. It is a project, which has recommended itself to many of our intelligent citizens, and one which could be carried out at moderate cost.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Committee are gratified in being able to report encouragingly concerning these schools. There is room for improvement, of course, but, taking all things

into consideration, they find reasonable expectation fulfilled. Increased thoroughness in the preparatory schools will do more than anything else to advance the condition of the Grammar Schools. There should, at least, be nothing to unlearn after admission to them.

The general examination of these schools was made at the close of the winter term. In consequence of some misunderstanding among the Committee, the plan of examination adopted last year was not entirely carried out, and no tabular view of the result can be offered. But it can be considered no great loss or misfortune after all; for a report of the general condition of schools ought not to based upon the result of any one such examination as the Committee are able to make, but upon the result of constant observation throughout the year. It is for this reason, it is considered of so much importance that the schools should be frequently visited. It is very easy to see that great injustice may be done to some schools in a report, based upon the result of a single examination.

The number of Grammar Schools has been reduced within the past year. The *Hill Grammar* School was indefinitely suspended at the close of the fall term. The reason, which induced this act on the part of the Committee, was the reduced attendance. It was found that by an alteration in the lines of the districts into which the City is divided, that all the scholars attending the *Hill* School could be accommodated elsewhere. The *Middle Street* and the *Charles Street Grammar* Schools received a portion of those, who had attended the *Parker Street Grammar* School, and this last named school received those who had attended the *Hill.* A saving of expense to the City was, of course, effected by the change, but it was not done without great op-

position on the part of some of those, whose children were transferred from the *Hill*, on account of the greatly increased distance from their homes to school.

Mr. Cornish, the Principal of the *Hill* School at the time of its suspension, was transferred to the *Grove Grammar* School to fill the vacancy in the Principalship of that school, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Brown. Miss Tobey was transferred to the *Parker Street Grammar* School, which, in consequence of the accession to its numbers, required an additional Assistant.

The *Parker Street Grammar* School, in order to accommodate the scholars from the *Hill*, was materially altered in its interior arrangement. The Committee were, moreover, exceedingly glad of an opportunity of introducing, by way of experiment at least, the arrangement lately adopted in many places where the public schools are a subject of much pride, and which is confidently recommended by those most interested in and familiar with the system of public education.

The partitions, forming the class rooms, were removed, throwing the second story of the building into one large oblong square room. This was then equally divided into four rooms by means of sliding partitions; thus giving to each teacher the charge of a distinct room, instead of giving to the Principal the charge of the whole school, excepting such parts as might happen to be in the class rooms. The partitions are so arranged, that in the morning when the school assembles, and at such other times, as it is desired, the four rooms are thrown into one, and again separated without noise or delay. This change was made in the early part of the winter, and sufficient time has not elapsed to test fully the experiment. The Committee have, however, great confidence in its success.

Notwithstanding the introduction of a large number of new scholars into this school at the beginning of the winter term, its appearance and condition is very satisfactory. The large percentage of attendance, which Mr. Hervey has always been able to secure, has been inconsiderably diminished by those scholars, who formerly attended the Hill school, and whose distance is now very great from school. A much greater falling off might reasonably have been anticipated, not only in the attendance, but in the general character of the school by the transfer of the scholars from the Hill, accustomed to a different manner of teaching and government, and not altogether satisfied, moreover, with the change, which added so considerably to their daily walk. The classes in all branches appeared well. One in Geography was thought deserving of especial comment, and one in Physiology is the best in all the Grammar schools.

The *Charles Street Grammar* School is under excellent management. The teachers are capable and accomplished, and the relation between the teachers and scholars is believed to be harmonious.

The *Middle Street Grammar* School. The Committee have reason to be satisfied with what has been done in this school during the past year. The teachers have been faithful to their trust, and the Principal, especially, has exerted himself to infuse a better spirit into the school. It has always been a very large school, composed entirely of boys, and has never enjoyed a very high reputation with the present or previous Committees. The attendance has always been irregular. Truancy and moral obtuseness, generally, have characterized the school; and, as a necessary consequence, the same progress in study has not heretofore been

made as in most of the other schools. The Principal has done much to mitigate the roughness and rudeness of his pupils; enough, at least, to induce the hope that the school may, at some no very distant day, rank more than fairly. The process is necessarily a slow one, and success must be awaited patiently. The method of teaching adopted by the Principal, in some branches particularly, is much to be commended. "*Multum, non multa*" is his theory.

It is thought that the new arrangement, introduced into the *Parker Street Grammar* School, can be repeated to great advantage here. It is a sufficient task for one person to govern this large school, assembled in one room, and it is surprising that as much instruction can be imparted as results show.

The *Bush Street Boys' Grammar* School is well governed and well taught. The government is mild, but firm and judicious. The exercises throughout the year, whenever visited by the Committee, have been exceedingly good. This school, it is thought, exhibits the best class in Arithmetic in any of the Grammar schools.

The *Bush Street Girls' Grammar* School requires no extended notice. It has for many years enjoyed an enviable reputation, and never has been more deserving of it than at present.

The *Grove Grammar* School has labored under what is always for a time a disadvantage, a change of teacher. Mr. Cornish has been in the school but one term, and, though the school appears very fairly now, it will undoubtedly show great improvement in reasonable time. Some of the classes, especially in Geography, showed great want of thoroughness.

In closing their remarks upon these schools, the Committee desire to express their sense of the impor-

tance of devoting more time to *Analysis* in the teaching of Arithmetic. In those schools where this subject has received much attention, the good results were very manifest upon examination.

HIGH SCHOOL.

In consequence of the enfeebled condition of Mr. Emerson's health, the Committee, bearing in mind the long and faithful service which he had rendered to this community in the capacity of public teacher at the head of the school system, granted to him leave of absence from his station for a period of six months. During his absence Mr. Newcomb was the acting Principal of the school, and the services of Mr. William W. Warren were engaged to aid in the labor of the male department. In this latter appointment the Committee were fortunate, and the injury to the school consequent upon the absence of Mr. Emerson, was very much mitigated. Mr. Emerson returned to his duties, in improved health, at the beginning of the winter term, and it is sincerely hoped that the relaxation from care, at this time, will very much prolong his usefulness.

The school was examined quite thoroughly at the close of the fall term, and appeared very well. A considerable portion, however, of those admitted six months previously showed in the examination, that they had made too much haste in seeking admission to this school. The exercises generally were very satisfactory, and no one can question the competency of any of the teachers to impart instruction. But, notwithstanding, the school did suffer in consequence of Mr. Emerson's absence. The Committee regretted exceedingly to find that there was not that harmony and unanimity among

the teachers, which is vital to the interests of a school. They do not now undertake to apportion the blame which attaches somewhere, but simply to record the fact, that they are not satisfied with the conduct of the school during the summer and fall terms. Their experience leads them to doubt very much the policy of a double headed school. It is anomalous in practice, and false in theory; and it is recommended to the incoming Board to abolish the office of female Principal in this school. The departments are too intimately connected not to be under one head. The advocates of the present arrangement pre-suppose there will always be union of sentiment and mutual co-operation, which can by no means be relied on.

The examinations for admission were, as usual, in June and December. At the former examination forty-five were examined, and all were admitted. At the latter examination fifty-four were examined, of whom thirty-five were girls, and nineteen boys, and eleven were admitted, of whom seven were girls and four were boys. The great difference in the numbers admitted shows clearly enough that a higher standard of qualification was required at the latter, than at the former examination. It is very much to be desired, that there should not be so great fluctuation, as is indicated by these results. In December, 1853, thirty-eight applicants were examined and only three admitted; this it will be observed was followed in June by the admission of forty-five, and this again in December last by the admission of eleven out of fifty-four. The opinion still prevails, to the great damage of the interests of the High School, that the seats must be filled with something.

The exhibition at the close of the term in Decem-

ber was very creditable to the school. A few of the exercises were of such merit as to command the general favor of the audience, and of themselves were almost sufficient to give a marked character to the entertainment. The large school room was densely filled, indicating a degree of public interest, which was as encouraging to those connected with the school department, as it was agreeable and flattering to the pupils.

ADULT EVENING SCHOOL.

The establishment and maintenance of this school is creditable to the City, as an act of enlightened policy. In usefulness it is not surpassed by any school in the City. As heretofore, the school was opened about the first of October and will continue till the first of April, making a period of six months. The sessions of the male and female departments have been held on alternate evenings. The attendance of females has been larger than that of males. The average attendance in the male department has been in the near neighborhood of forty, while that in the female department has been nearly double that number. Mr. Bryant, the Principal of the male department, resigned his situation in the latter part of February, and the school, as usual towards spring, lessening in number, it was not thought necessary to supply his place. This department is now, therefore, under the management of Mr. Haskins.

The progress of those who attend these schools is slow, from the reason that they have grown to maturity without ever having exercised their minds with study of any kind, and it is only by patient resolution and hard work, that they can acquire any book knowl-

edge. Nothing but a keen desire to learn would reconcile them to the irksomeness of the task. In many instances, diligence has been singularly well rewarded. Many can now read intelligently, to whom at the beginning of the session a book was as meaningless as blank paper.

In a school of this character nothing like classification can be attempted, and for this reason a much larger number of teachers might be profitably employed. The attendance, too, is necessarily fluctuating. No difficulty has ever been experienced in maintaining order. The sessions of this school have been held in the Mixed School House, into which gas has been introduced with especial reference to its accommodation.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

There has been but a single School House added to the number during the past year, and that one has been erected on the corner of Cedar and Maxfield streets, and it is just completed. It is a wooden two story building, well finished, and conveniently arranged. A Primary school has been established in the lower story. The upper story has not been finished, and will not be until the wants of the neighborhood require another Intermedial school, which is anticipated. The lower floor is divided into two rooms of equal size, after the arrangement of the *Parker Street Grammar* school, and the Committee sincerely hope that the plan of partitioning off small, ill ventilated class rooms will find no favor with their successors.

The *Bush Street Boys' Grammar* School has been somewhat improved by the erection of a porch at the south end of the building, and changing the entrance

from the north to the south end. One of the class rooms has been considerably enlarged thereby.

The alterations in the *Parker Street* School house have been already noticed.

The south western section of the City, which has filled up, and spread very much within the last few years, is entitled to a Primary and Intermedial school in that neighborhood. They have waited patiently, and should be postponed no longer.

During the year it was voted by the Committee to establish a school at Belville in answer to an urgent petition from that district, and an appropriation was made by the City Council for the purpose of purchasing a lot and erecting a suitable building. With great difficulty, and after considerable lapse of time, a lot was obtained, which it is thought will very well answer the purpose, and a building of moderate dimensions and cost is now in course of erection, and will be soon completed.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, a lot was recently purchased on the corner of State and Franklin streets for the erection of a building designed to accommodate a Primary and an Intermedial school.

FINANCIAL.

The condition of the School Funds on March 1st, 1855, is exhibited in the following statement, viz:

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1855.

Teachers' Salaries,	$24,368.09
Fuel,	2,098.67
Committee,	592.50
Books and Stationery,	793.01
Alterations and Repairs,	3,589.07
Stoves, Pipe, &c.	833.99
Cleaning, Whitewashing, Sweeping, &c.	1,253.93
Land for New Houses,	1,349.33
Incidental,	820.12
Amount of Expenditures,	$35,698.71
Balance to new account,	9,157.71
	$44,856.62

CREDITS.

By Balance 1st of March, 1854,	$2,408.43	
" Annual Appropriation,	35,000.00	
" Am't received from Commonwealth,	821.52	
" Error in E. Lewis' Bill,	26.67	
" Permanent Loans,	6,600.00	
		$44,856.62

Whatever degree of success may have attended the labors of the Committee, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have honestly endeavored to promote the interests confided to them; and they can especially congratulate themselves, that unusual harmony has marked their councils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,

JOSHUA C. STONE, Chairman.

NEW BEDFORD, March 19, 1855.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of New Bedford, held this day, Rev. M. G. Thomas presented the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to their Chairman, Joshua C. Stone, Esq., for the impartial, able and very acceptable manner in which he has discharged the arduous and many duties of his office.

By a unanimous vote of the Board it was

Voted, That the above Resolution be adopted and appended to the Annual Report.

Attest: WILLIAM HOWE, Sec'y.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR

1855.

WARD No. 1.—ALANSON BORDEN,
" " JAMES M. LAWTON,
" " JOHN DAVIS.

WARD No. 2.—PHILANDER BRYANT,
" " HENRY F. THOMAS,
" " WILLIAM WILCOX.

WARD No. 3.—AMASA L. GLEASON,
" " JAMES TAYLOR,
" " AZARIAH ELDRIDGE.

WARD No. 4.—JOHN WEISS,
" " JONATHAN WHEELER,
" " BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON.

WARD No. 5.—CHARLES HAFFARDS,
" " WILLIAM HOWE,
" " EDWARD P. ABBE.

WARD No. 6.—WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
" " WILLIAM W. CRAPO,
" " ALBERT G. STANTON.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

ALANSON BORDEN, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

High School.—Borden, Gleason, Eldridge, Weiss, Crapo and Abbe.

North Grammar Schools.—Eldridge, Gleason, J. Taylor, Bryant and Stevenson.

South Grammar Schools.—W. H. Taylor, Crapo, Haffards, Weiss and Abbe.

North Intermedial Schools.—Bryant, Stevenson, Lawton and Thomas.

South Intermedial Schools.—Haffards, Wheeler, Stanton and Howe.

North Primary Schools.—Lawton, Stevenson and Thomas.

South Primary Schools.—Howe, Lawton and Wheeler.

Mixed School.—Wheeler, Haffards and Taylor.

Country Schools.—Davis, J. Taylor and Wilcox.

Examination of Teachers.—Borden, Gleason, Eldridge, Crapo, W. H. Taylor and Abbe.

Library.—Howe, Weiss and Gleason.

On School Houses North.—William Wilcox.

On School Houses South.—William Howe.

On Admissions North.—James M. Lawton.

On Admissions South.—Albert G. Stanton.

On Accounts.—Borden, Wilcox and Howe.

WILLIAM HOWE, Secretary.

CITY DOCUMENTS.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

TO THE

CITY COUNCIL;

CITY GOVERNMENT:

AND

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES,

COMPRISING

THE FINANCE, ENGINEERS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR

1855-6.

New-Bedford:

E. ANTHONY, PRINTER TO THE CITY.

1856.

1856—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 1.

ADDRESS

OF THE

HON. GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,

MAYOR,

TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF NEW-BEDFORD;

DELIVERED BEFORE THE

TWO BRANCHES IN CONVENTION,

APRIL 7th, 1856.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In entering anew upon the duties to which I have been again called by the suffrages of my fellow-citizens, it is with a distrust of my ability satisfactorily to discharge them, a distrust which a year's experience has not overcome.

A just sense of the responsibilities which attach to the Chief Magistracy of a large and thriving City, in which new and unforeseen contingencies are constantly arising in the course of public affairs, is not likely to be lessened by time, or by experience in the ordinary routine of its duties.

The most that I can do is to assure you, and through you, my fellow-citizens, of my intention to discharge according to the best of my ability whatever duty may devolve upon me, having still "but one object in view, the promotion of the best interests of all classes of the community."

In order to a successful discharge of those duties, to which I can only promise to bring a faithful and honest purpose, your co-operation will in many instances be required; this I am confident I shall have; being fully persuaded, that, however we may differ in some points, in whatever relates to the public good there can be but one opinion amongst us.

We are now convened agreeably to the City Charter, for the purpose of organizing the City Government for the Municipal year, and having taken the initiatory step, let us pass on to the prosecution of our duties with a determination to discharge them in accordance with the obligation which we have just now assumed.

It will always afford me pleasure to co-operate with you in any and all measures, which have for their end, the public good.

Before entering upon a detailed statement of the matters usually treated of, on occasions like the present, there is one event which has transpired during the Municipal year just closed, to which I shall refer; one, which is of serious import to us all, showing us that in the midst of life we are in death. I allude to the decease of our late City Treasurer, Frederick Bryant. I deem it within the proprieties of this occasion, that I should bear my testimony to his fidelity as an officer, and his worth as a man. In all the relations of life he has sustained a spotless reputation, which secured for him the confidence and respect of the community, and in his removal from the sphere of usefulness which he so acceptably filled, the City has lost an efficient and valuable public servant. His sudden and lamented death is an admonition to us all to be prepared for the same inevitable summons, by that discipline of life which comes from a faithful discharge of every duty which a kind Providence assigns us.

By the Treasurer's report which will be laid before you, you will have an account of the disbursements of the public moneys the past year, and by which you will observe that the whole amount paid into the Treasury from all sources, including the balance on hand

3d mo. 1st, 1855, was	$396,813.47
He credits himself with the allowance for prompt payment of taxes, for remission of taxes, and for balance of uncollected taxes, for 1855, the sum of	12,483.11
With amount of State and County taxes,	23,333.00
With payments on warrants drawn by the Mayor during the year, the sum of	358,177.13
And with the balance on hand 3d mo. 1st, 1856,	2,820.23
As above,	$396,813.47

Of the above amount of $358,177.13, the sum of $107,827.74 for the repayment of temporary loans and interest thereon, and the further sum of $32,449.68 paid for land taken for streets, (principally for Front street,) and of $27,721.59 for Sewers, for the City Liquor Agency, and for the several Cemeteries, which last amount is returned to the Treasury by loans and assessments and by sales, and may therefore be deducted, leaving the sum of $190,178.12 as the amount of ordinary expenditures for the year.

The City Government for the past year appropriated the sum of $190,000 for the purposes of the City, under the different heads of appropriation. To two of the accounts only, have transfers been made, $10,000 to the repairs of highways, and $1,500 to the Fire Department. With these exceptions no account has exceeded its appropriation during the year, and the whole amount expended has exceeded the whole amount appropriated in the sum of $178.12.

There has been paid during the year for bills contracted by the former Government prior to 4th mo. 1st,

1855, the sum of $26,461.87; from this deduct the sum paid by the last Government since 3d mo. 1st, 1856, for bills of the past year $16,094.31, thus showing the amount paid by the Government of last year and chargeable to the Government of 1854–'55 to be $10,367.56, to be deducted from the expenditures of the past year. The amount of outstanding bills at the present time is believed to be small; very few, except some yearly running accounts, are known to be out. The ordinary expenses for the last municipal year, after deducting the temporary loans, the amount of the State and County taxes, and what may be considered as extraordinary expenses, together with the excess of amount paid for bills of the previous year, may be set down at $179,810.56.

In my address, last year, I stated the legitimate ordinary expenses of the year 1854–'55 to have been $182,116.63, to which should be added $2,700 for one quarter's salary of the City Officers, there having been but three quarters included in that account, making the sum of $184,816.63, to which must again be added the excess of bills paid by the Government of last year $10,367.56, making the actual expenditure for 1854–'55 to have been $195,184.19, showing a diminution in the expenses of the last year from that of the preceeding in the sum of $15,373.63.

In addition to this there has been paid the last year for the State tax over and above that of the previous year $3,472.50, and for 5 per cent. of the increase of City debt and the interest thereon the further sum of $3,555.

CITY DEBT.

The amount of the City debt 3d mo. 1st, 1855, was for permanent loans $116,608.46, and for temporary loans

$19,500 an aggregate of $136,108.46; the foregoing amount of $19,500, together with another loan of $7,000 made prior to 4th mo. 1st, 1855, was paid at their maturity by a permanent loan of those two amounts.

The permanent loan has been further increased by one of $5,000 for the Sewers, and others amounting to $30,000 to pay the damages caused by the opening and widening of Front Street; the temporary loans have been one of $5,000 for the payment of damages above cited and which is to be made permanent at maturity, and another of $10,000 to meet the demand upon the Treasury in advance of the collection of taxes and the assessments on the Sewers, for the past year.

There has been paid on account of the permanent loans during the year the sum of $7,908.52; and for temporary loans and interest, $5,930.24, making an aggregate of $13,838.76. The amount of the debt 3d mo. 1st, 1856, was for permanent loans $170,199.94, and for temporary loans $15,000.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

For this branch of public service there has been expended the past year the sum of $41,237.58. In consequence of the advanced price of materials of every kind, the amount expended for this account has been larger than was contemplated. For the items of curbing and paving stones alone, the excess of cost over the previous year for the quantity used, was more than $1,600. The amount expended for sand catchers on the lines of the Sewers on Bush and Hillman streets, and for three additional ones which it was found necessary to construct on Elm street, has been something over $2,000. This amount has usually been charged

to the account of the Sewers, one half of which was assessed upon the abuttors; but as the purposes for which they are constructed, seem more properly to belong to this department, and more especially as those on Elm street could not be so charged, it was decided that they all be placed to this account.

As the "Clark's Point Road" continues to be a place of general resort for the purpose of healthful and agreeable recreation, it was thought proper for the better accommodation of the public, that the approaches to it, should be put in better condition than they had heretofore been, in pursuance of which the ledges on Water street and also on County street near Cove street, have been removed, and the streets brought to a proper grade, and County street below Cove street which had never been worked in accordance with a lay-out from the Head-of-the-River to Clark's Cove, accepted many years since, was also widened by the removal of the walls, where they were within its lines, and the street put in a proper condition, and also a way which has been open for a great many years, connecting the lower end of County street, and also the road across the Beach, with the Clark's Point Road, has been put in passable condition. The amount expended for these purposes has exceeded the sum of $3,000.

By the extension of Allen street from Dartmouth street, westerly, which was accepted 6th mo. 4th, 1855, and which was in such a state, that it was necessary to put it in condition for use at once, the sum of $1,800 has been expended. In consequence of the acceptance of Orange street, the name of which was subsequently changed to Front street, it became necessary as fast as the buildings were removed from the limits of the street, to fill the cellars, and put it in a condition to

be safely used by the public. For this purpose not less than $1,000 have been expended.

From the above facts it will be seen that a large proportion of the amount transferred to the credit of this account has been absorbed in what may be considered as extraordinary expenses. So that in reality the outlay for the purposes contemplated when the appropriation was made, has not much exceeded the original appropriation.

A considerable amount has been expended on the roads, north and west of the more compact parts of the City, for which purpose a much smaller amount of expenditure will be required the present year.

During the past summer the County Commissioners laid out a road leading "from the corner of Parker and Chancery streets, to the road near Philip Allen's house," in the neighborhood of Allen's Mills, to be finished by the 1st of 11th month, (November) next. It was put under contract to Peleg S. Sanford, 10th mo. 16th, 1855, to be completed on or before the 1st day of 10th mo. (October) next, for the sum of $4,840, he being the lowest responsible bidder for the same. The City holds his bond with sufficient sureties, in the sum of $5,000, for the faithful performance of the contract, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

As the construction of this road, and the grading, and perhaps paving, if not curbing and flagging of one side of Front street, will require a large expenditure of money, I submit for your consideration whether it will not be better to raise the amount necessary therefor by a permanent loan, than include it in the amount appropriated for the repairs of highways.

SEWERS.

During the past year two Common Sewers were constructed, one in Hillman and one in Bush street, and a short one was also laid in Campbell street, from the east side of Ray street to the west side of Purchase street. The cost of these was $11,761.65, of which $5000 was raised on a permanent loan.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Although the expenditure of the public money for the support of our schools is very large, amounting for the past year to more than 25 per centum of our whole ordinary expenses, yet I believe that no citizen will for a moment doubt the expediency of a reasonable expenditure for this purpose, so long as it is judiciously and economically disbursed.

The amount expended exceeds that of any previous year, reaching to nearly $50,000; the principal items of this account are for teachers' salaries, $25,459.07; for new houses and alterations and repairs of old ones, and for land $17,351.81; the balance of the expenditure is for the usual incidental expenses of the department. Perhaps a sufficient explanation of this very great outlay for new houses and land will be found in the last paragraph of the report of the School Committee, and which is as follows:

"It is proper to state in explanation of the above account that the item 'Alteration, Repairs and New Houses,' includes not only almost the entire cost of the School houses erected this year, with their appurtenances, but also the whole expense of those erected last year, with the furnishings, fences and other things pertaining thereto; and in the item of 'land for new houses' is embraced not only the cost of the Dart-

mouth street lot, but also of that purchased last year on the corner of State and Merrimack streets."

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Public Instruction of the last City Council, and which it appears meets the approbation of the School Committee, a petition for an alteration of our City Charter has been forwarded to the Legislature, asking that the Charter may be so altered as to provide that after the next annual election, one person shall be chosen from each Ward as a member of the School Committee, who shall hold his office for three years, thus securing a majority from year to year of old and experienced members, a result, which, if attained, must operate very much to the advantage of this department. The subject of the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Schools, to which I alluded a year ago, and which has received the approval of the Committee on Instruction and also some action on the part of the School Committee, is referred to the present City Council.

I can but express the hope that the subject will meet with that consideration at your hands which its importance demands. I have no doubt that the appointment of a competent person to the office of Superintendent of our Public Schools, will have a most beneficial and lasting influence in the advancement of the most material interests of this branch of the public service.

From the report of the School Committee, I learn that our schools are for the most part in a prosperous condition.

I commend to your careful attention the remarks of the Committee, on the subject of truancy, for such action as you may deem expedient.

During the year just closed, the School House near

Belville, has been completed and two others have been erected, one on Dartmouth street, and one at Haskins' Corner. Some further increase of School accommodations will probably be required the coming year.

It will afford me pleasure at all times to aid you in any effort that may tend to the advancement of our Schools, entertaining as I do the firm conviction that the city can devote its energies and resources to no worthier or nobler object.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Intimately connected with the subject of education for which our city so cheerfully makes provision, is the Free Public Library, an Institution worthy of the fostering care and support of the City Government, and of the generous and hearty encouragement of our citizens. My official connection with the Board of Trustees has afforded me the opportunity of witnessing some of the beneficial influences resulting from this means of intellectual and moral culture, and authorizes my commending it to a prominent place in your consideration.

The Library continues to be a place of favorite resort for very many of our citizens.

The number of books taken from the shelves for the year ending 3d mo. 4th, 1856, is 23,240.

The number of cards issued has been 754, making a total of 3,937.

During the year there have been added to the Library 979 volumes, selected with much care and a due regard to the varying wants of all our citizens, and embracing many excellent works in every department of literature and science. Of the above number 105 were donations.

But for these and other details, as well as for much suggestive matter connected with the whole subject, I would refer you to the Fourth Annual Report of the Trustees.

The want of a suitable building for the safer and more convenient accommodation of our valuable and increasing Library, is again urgently presented in their report. This subject received some attention from the last City Council, by which an appropriation was made for a building; a location was also decided upon, but owing to some embarrassing circumstances the further consideration of this subject will devolve upon the present Council. To that I invite your early attention.

ALMS HOUSE AND POOR.

Owing to the inclemency of the past winter the demands upon the charity of the city for relief, by persons out of the Alms House, has been large. The amount thus expended has been $4,262.64 of which $1433.82 was for fuel. Three hundred and twenty-five families were relieved; one hundred and thirty-four of these were the families of widows.

The amount expended for this department has been $15,899.40. Owing to the very extensive accommodations which have been provided at our Alms House establishment, the expenses of the department are very much increased beyond what our actual necessities demand. The State Alms House, at Bridgewater, at the time of its opening, took from us more than one half of our inmates, thus reducing our numbers most materially, without any great reduction of expense, except that for food.

Whether any means can be devised under our present system for a reduction of this expense, will properly be a subject for your consideration.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

During the year just closed, our city has been wonderfully preserved from the devastating scourge of fire; the department has been called out 44 times; 25 of which were false alarms. The loss of property beyond the amount insured has been about $6,800.

It affords me pleasure to state from information derived from the report of the Engineers, that harmony prevails in the department, and that all demands upon the Firemen for their services have been responded to with their usual promptness and alacrity.

One new Engine has been received and added to the force in possession of the City for extinguishing fires, as also a new Hook and Ladder Carriage, both of which were ordered by the former Board.

Three new Reservoirs have been constructed, and one on Purchase street, near William, has been discontinued, making the number now available 42, all of which are reported to be in good condition.

The amount expended for this department has been $18,213.44, for the details of which I refer you to the report of the Committee on Finance.

As I understand that everything connected with the apparatus for protecting our property from destruction by fire, is in good condition for any emergency, there will not probably be any great outlay required for this department the ensuing year, beyond the pay of Firemen, the necessary repairs of Engines and Houses, for Hose and the addition of two or three Reservoirs.

And now, Gentlemen, having thus in accordance with general usage, briefly touched upon some of the most important subjects which will claim your attention, let me in closing, bespeak your sympathy and co-

operation in the duties which the present municipal year will devolve upon us, and express the hope that nothing may occur to disturb the harmony of our deliberations, and that we may come to the close of the year, conscious, individually and collectively, of having done our duty, our whole duty, and nothing but our duty.

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

1856.

MAYOR,

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.

ALDERMEN,

WARD 1.—CHARLES ALMY.
" 2.—JAMES H. MENDELL.
" 3.—THOMAS WILLCOX.
" 4.—JACOB L. PORTER.
" 5.—SIMPSON HART.
" 6.—ALANSON WILLISTON.

COMMON COUNCIL,

President—ABNER J. PHIPPS.

WARD No. 1.

Caleb Hammond, Sherman White,
Nicholas Davis, George A. Bourne.

WARD No. 2.

Hiram Van Campen, Oliver H. P. Brown,
John K. Cushing, Henry Pierce.

WARD No. 3.

Luther G. Hewins, Lewis Hathaway,
Daniel Homer, Stephen W. Mc Farlin.

WARD No. 4.

Benjamin C. Ward, John H. Chapman,
Edmund Anthony, Joshua C. Hitch.

WARD No. 5.

Abner J. Phipps, John Hicks,
Joshua Richmond, James R. Denham.

WARD No. 6.

Benjamin F. Popple, Isaac S. Cook,
Lemuel R. Eldridge, Gustavus Delano.

CITY CLERK,

SANFORD S. HORTON.

CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,

ISAAC M. RICHARDSON.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

CHARLES F. WILLCOX.

ASSESSORS.

WARD No. 1—JOSEPH W. CORNELL,
" " 2—EBENEZER L. FOSTER, JR.,
" " 3—MANASSEH KEMPTON,
" " 4—HENRY S. PACKARD,
" " 5—TILSON DENHAM,
" " 6—HENRY T. LEONARD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., (Mayor,) Chairman, *ex-officio*,
WARD No. 1—SILAS STETSON,
" " 2—WILLIAM SWIFT,
" " 3—CHARLES L. SWASEY,
" " 4—WILLIAM A. GORDON,
" " 5—HENRY CANNON,
" " 6—JOHN BAYLIES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WARD No. 1.—ALANSON BORDEN,
" " DANIEL C. BURT,
" " JAMES M. LAWTON.

WARD No. 2.—PHILIP S. LEAMING,
" " JAMES L. HUMPHREY,
" " ELISHA B. BRADFORD.

WARD No. 3.—E. L. BARNEY,
" " AZARIAH ELDRIDGE,
" " CHARLES L. SWASEY.

WARD No. 4.—AMASA L. GLEASON,
" " THOMAS M. STETSON,
" " BETHUEL PENNIMAN, JR.

WARD No. 5.—EDWARD P. ABBE,
" " WILLIAM HOWE,
" " JOSHUA C. STONE.

WARD No. 6.—WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
" " WILLIAM W. CRAPO,
" " ALBERT G. STANTON.

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., Mayor.
ABNER J. PHIPPS, President of the Common Council.
CHARLES ALMY, Chairman of the Committee on Public Instruction.

JAMES B. CONGDON,
SIMPSON HART,
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

CITY MESSENGER.

ROBERT A. DILLINGHAM.

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

On Police—The Mayor and Aldermen Porter and Williston.

On Licenses—Aldermen Almy, Hart and Mendell.

On Enrollments—Aldermen Hart, Mendell and Willcox.

On Laying Out and Widening Streets—Aldermen Porter Mendell and Williston.

Joint Standing Committees.

On Finance—The Mayor, the President of the Common Council, with Messrs. Bourne, Brown, Hewins, Ward and Popple.

On Public Property—Aldermen Willcox and Almy, and Messrs. Hathaway, Cushing and Delano.

On Public Instruction—Aldermen Almy and Hart, and Messrs. Hewins, Van Campen and Anthony.

On Roads, Bridges, Main Drains and Common Sewers—The Mayor and Alderman Almy, and Messrs. Denham, Davis and Eldridge.

On Accounts—Aldermen Porter and Hart, and Messrs. Richmond, Hicks and Brown.

On Alms House and the Poor—Aldermen Williston and Willcox, and Messrs. Homer, Ward and Hammond.

On Burial Grounds—Aldermen Mendell and Willcox, and Messrs. Bourne, Delano and Chapman.

On Fire Department—The Mayor and Alderman Hart, and Messrs. Hicks, White and McFarlin.

On Lighting Streets—Aldermen Porter and Williston, and Messrs. Richmond, Cushing and Cook.

On Printing—Alderman Porter, and Messrs Pierce and Denham.

Standing Committees of the Common Council.

On Elections and Returns—Messrs. Homer, Hammond and White.

On Bills in Second Reading—Anthony, Cook and Pierce.

On Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions—Van Campen, Popple and Hathaway.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

In accordance with an Ordinance of the City requiring the Committee on Finance to lay before the City Council a statement of the financial affairs of the City, they submit the following for the year ending 3d mo. 1st, 1856.

The whole amount of receipts into the Treasury including the balance on hand 3d mo. 1st, 1855, is three hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred thirty dollars and thirty-six cents. The expenditures amount to three hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred ten dollars and thirteen cents, leaving a balance on hand of two thousand eight hundred twenty dollars and twenty-three cents.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY FOR 1855.

From City and County Taxes for 1851,	$108 27
From City and County Taxes for 1852,	214 35
From City, County and State Taxes for 1853,	390 59
From City, County and State Taxes for 1854,	2,200 24
From City, County and State Taxes for 1855,	181,259 99
From Fire Department,	1 88
From Support of Public Schools,	786 10
From Support of the Poor,	2,831 82
From Repairs of Highways,	1,273 55
From Public Cemeteries,	1,439 00
From Temporary Loans,	101,897 50
From Permanent Loans,	56,500 00
From Incidental Expense Account,	6,810 41
From Sewers,	11,479 99
From City Liquor Agency,	14,700 96
Balance in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st, 1855,	2,435 71
	$384,330 36

EXPENDITURES FROM THE TREASURY IN 1855.

Free Public Library,	$2,479 54
Lighting the Streets,	12,692 89
Support of Public Schools,	49,939 34
Support of the Poor,	15,899 40
Fire Department,	18,213 44
Sewers,	11,761 65
City Debt,	14,605 13
Repairs of Highways,	41,237 58
City Liquor Agency,	15,701 44
City Watch,	9,949 77
Temporary Loans,	107,827 74
State Tax,	10,417 50
County Tax,	12,915 50
Land Damages,	32,449 68
Incidental Expenses,	25,161 03
Public Cemeteries,	258 50
Balance in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st, 1856.	2,820 23
	$384,330 36

The following additions have been made to the Permanent Loans. For the Sewers, one of five thousand dollars; for paying Abuttors on the line of Front street one of thirty thousand dollars, and two others amounting to twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars to meet the Temporary Loans made prior to 4th mo. 1st, 1855. And to the Temporary Loans, one of five thousand dollars for account of Front street, to be made permanent at maturity, and another of ten thousand dollars, to meet the wants of the Treasury in advance of the payment of taxes for the current year and the assessment on the Sewers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Per order of the Finance Committee,

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr., Mayor, *Chairman.*

New Bedford, 3d mo. 28th, 1856.

The Committee on Finance have examined by a Sub-Committee, the accounts of the City Clerk and Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1856, and find them correct.

Annexed they present the following schedule of payments, with a copy of the Treasurer's account

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. NICKERSON, } Sub
LUTHER G. HEWINS, } Committee.

NEW BEDFORD, 3d mo. 28th, 1856.

Dr. FREDERICK BRYANT, Treasurer and Collector,

To Balance in the Treasury 3d mo. 1st, 1855,		$2,435 71
Receipts into the Treasury during the year ending 3d mo. 1st, 1856—		
Fire Department—		
From F. Underwood,		1 83
Support of Public Schools—		
From the Commonwealth,		786 10
Support of the Poor—		
From William A. Gordon,	1,699 35	
From Earl C. Briggs,	626 24	
From other sources,	506 23	2,831 82
Repairs of Highways—		
From Seth Bryant, Superintendent,	327 06	
From the Fire Department,	492 00	
From the Poor Department,	250 00	
From other persons,	204 49	1,273 55
Oak Grove Cemetery—		924 00
Rural Cemetery—		485 00
Pine Grove Cemetery—		30 00
Collector of Taxes for 1851—		108 27
Collector of Taxes for 1852—		214 35
Collector of Taxes for 1853—		390 59
Collector of Taxes for 1854—		2,200 24
Main Drains and Common Sewers, including permanent loan of $5,000 00—		11,479 99
City Liquor Agency—		14,700 96
Incidental Expense Account—		
From Clerk of the Market, stall rents,	632 00	
From sundry persons for rent of land,	431 00	
From City Clerk and City Messenger for rent of Hall and Licences,	919 25	
From C. D. Burt, City Marshal,	2,528 89	
From F. L. Porter, Clerk of Police Court,	2,084 62	
From occupants of Market, for Gas,	42 32	
From sundry persons on account of Fourth of July celebration,	147 33	
Temporary Loans,	101,897 50	
Permanent Loans,	56,500 00	
Premium on City Note,	25 00	165,207 91
Annual Assessment for 1855,	193,460 04	
Assessments in November and March,	283 06	193,743 10
		$396,813 47

3d mo. 1st, 1856. To balance in the Treasury $2,820 23.

in account with the CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, Cr.

By Amount of Mayor's Warrants as follows:—			
Oak Grove Cemetery,		$210 40	
Rural Cemetery,		32 75	
Pine Grove Cemetery,		15 35	
Free Public Library,		2,479 54	
Lighting the Streets,		12,692 89	
Support of Public Schools,		49,939 34	
Support of the Poor,		15,899 40	
Fire Department,		18,213 44	
Main Drains and Common Sewers,		11,761 65	
City Debt,		14,605 13	
Repairs of Highways,		41,237 58	
City Liquor Agency,		15,701 44	
City Watch,		9,949 77	192,738 68
Incidental Expense Account—			
Temporary Loans and Interest,		107,827 74	
State Tax,		10,417 50	
County Tax,		12,915 50	
Land damages on Front Street,	$31,401 27		
Land damages on South Second Street,	800 00		
Land damages on Cove Street,	198 41		
Land damages on Cedar Street	50 00	32,449 68	
Current expenses belonging to the Incidental Expense Account,		25,161 03	188,771 45
Abatement for prompt pay of Taxes,		2,998 97	
Remittances,		1,358 98	
Taxes for 1855, uncollected, carried to new account,		8,125 16	12,483 11
Balance in the Treasury to new account,			2,820 23
			$396,813 47

ISAAC M. RICHARDSON, Treasurer and Collector, Pro tem.

NEW BEDFORD, 3d mo. 1st, 1856.

BALANCE OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES 3d mo. 1st, 1856.

For the year 1842,	$3 00
For the year 1844,	25 74
For the year 1845,	34 40
For the year 1846,	62 41
For the year 1847,	73 35
For the year 1848,	219 99
For the year 1849,	14 14
For the year 1850,	121 88
For the year 1851,	213 78
For the year 1852,	512 17
For the year 1853,	1,072 55
For the year 1854,	3,515 66
For the year 1855,	8,125 16
	$13,994 23

ISAAC M. RICHARDSON, Treasurer and Collector,
Pro tem.

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

John F. Emerson,	$1,199 99	H. P. Cushman,	128 33
Ivory S. Cornish,	900 65	Lucinda C. Perry,	187 76
Ebenezer Hervey,	900 00	Eliza J. D. Shepherd,	232 21
S. Hutchinson,	799 98	Phebe J. Cowing,	48 88
N. Lincoln, Jr.	888 32	Louise E. Colburn,	280 54
J. S. Barrell,	787 76	Margaret T. Barker,	269 98
G. S. Newcomb,	757 98	Mary A. Underwood,	207 77
Eliza H. Tobey,	333 32	E. Emily Cushman,	274 99
Emma M. Converse,	433 33	Mary J. Chase,	187 77
E. C. Babcock,	299 99	Jane C. Thompson,	274 99
C. W. Haskins,	61 33	Maria T. Lothrop,	228 32
Philander Bryant,	50 00	Sarah H. Hewins,	293 88
Elizabeth Hathaway,	18 00	Charlotte E. Kendall,	67 22
Mary T. Congdon,	368 20	Caroline E. Bonney,	145 55
Anna M. Bailey,	309 88	Charlotte C. Carr,	185 00
D. B. Congdon,	42 67	Abbie A. K. Howard,	213 32
Anna M. Harlow,	225 00	Mary C. Slocum,	243 87
E. C. Lewis,	218 88	Abby F. Bryant,	193 87
Abbie S. Tobey,	201 66	H. N. R. Tasker,	171 09
Caroline S. Randall,	158 88	Clara D. Corey,	275 54
Mary E. Smith,	243 87	Mary E. Savery,	318 87
Annie R. Commerford,	318 88	Hannah B. Robinson,	393 87
Clarissa S. Staples,	105 00	Sarah Brett,	67 22
Abbie M. Nelson.	180 55	Joanna P. Nash,	191 65
Sarah M. Simmons,	48 89	Helen M. Gordon,	318 87
Susan T. Sherman,	293 88	Laura F. Bryant,	193 88
Sarah D. Ottiwell,	318 88	Jane M. Gardner,	233 87
Julia A. M. Clark,	67 22	Harriet N. Allen,	225 00
Mary B. White,	293 89	Harriet N. Covelle,	293 88
Susan M. Tompkins,	178 61	Anna M. Bonney,	201 66
Elizabeth Howland,	204 77	Mary A. Sanford,	184 43
Anna R. Thornton,	293 88	Susan A. King,	12 00
Judith S. Macomber,	261 66	Dorothy P. King,	281 67
Emeline Richardson,	175 54	Susan R. Nichols,	55 00
Amanda J. Clark,	218 89	H. S. Macomber,	274 99
Cordelia A. Morton,	111 37	William A. Chamberlin,	537 77
Sylvia A. Chace,	187 77	L. A. Manchester,	246 66
Betsey T. Wing,	173 44	Mary E. Allen,	227 21
Mary E. Cranston,	244 98	Miranda A. Williams,	275 74
P. B. Cathell,	271 43	Sophia E. Haffards,	187 76
Eleanor Commerford,	187 77	Patience R. Almy,	205 00
Jane M. Cook,	133 88	Annie H. Sanford,	128 32
Susan E. Harrington,	146 66	Mary E. Tew,	115 85
Mary H. Crowell,	225 00	Isabella G. Staples,	92 22
Susan E. Brown,	218 89	Annie S. Homer,	132 21
Mary L. Blake,	124 44	Jane E. Finkill,	93 34
Helen H. Kelley,	132 21	Alice Barker,	146 66
S. E. Field,	132 23	Sarah F. Earle,	146 66
Amantha J. Borden,	201 66	N. H. Burr,	195 54
Lois Deane,	134 44	George B. Hathaway,	17 33
Hannah E. Pierce,	17 00	Sarah H. Cranston,	46 66
Elizabeth P. Spooner,	43 32	Maria L. Whitney,	46 66
Ruth H. Brady,	93 32	Alvira D. Burdon,	45 83
Ursula C. Gwynneth,	93 32		
Mary R. Howe,	$180 55		$25,459 07

Amount brought forward,		$25,459 07

FUEL.

Meltiah Hathaway, wood,	$21 37	
Wilson S. Reynolds, charcoal,	8 27	
William Reynolds, charcoal,	8 60	
Sampson S. Reynolds, charcoal,	22 96	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	138 63	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal,	1,405 66	
Job Demoranville, charcoal,	7 00	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal	423 30	
		2,035 79

COMMITTEE.

Salary of Committee,	1,000 00

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

William Howe,	1,116 11	
Philander Bryant,	6 50	
		1,122 61

STOVES, PIPES, AND REPAIRS.

Richmond & Almy,	399 27	
Nathan Lewis,	84 82	
Charles Crane,	2 92	
		487 01

LAND.

Samuel Rodman, land,	2,101 26	
John Tripp, land, Dartmouth street,	406 00	
Henry H. Crapo, land, Dartmouth street,	599 00	
		3,106 26

NEW HOUSES, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

Ashley, Hammond & Co., contract,	1,965 50	
Sherman & Hammond, carpenters,	375 92	
Whitman Vinal, mason,	58 30	
Horatio A. Kempton, drafting,	20 00	
William C. Howland, mason work, Belville,	165 00	
Charles H. Higgins, Belville,	68 00	
Thomas P. Swift, new house, Belville,	716 63	
William Wilcox, lumber, &c.	944 02	
Sturtevant & Sherman, carpenters,	660 79	
	4,974 16	
		$33,210 74

Amount brought forward,	$4,974 16	$33,210 74
Howard & Tanner, painting,	334 82	
G. T. Sawyer, mason work,	298 57	
Thomas Bowman, carpenter,	118 50	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	51 18	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	11 65	
Sturtevant & Sherman, contract, Haskins' Corner School House,	944 00	
James Wheaton, mason work,	38 33	
Flynn & Bowen, Dartmouth Street School House,	2,653 89	
Buffington & Cook, mason work, Dartmouth Street School House,	380 30	
Paul Howland, 2d., mason work,	66 63	
Meltiah Hathaway, grading lot, building wall, &c.	252 92	
John Tripp, dirt and labor,	175 19	
Timothy D. Cook, stock and labor,	529 54	
William Bates, 2d., carting and labor,	69 00	
Perry Brownell, brick, labor, &c.	250 33	
Charles H. Higgins, painting,	94 41	
William C. Parker, painting,	150 69	
Lineas Wood, painting and glazing,	245 50	
Frederick Underwood, mason,	23 58	
Gibbs Taber, mason,	234 12	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture,	69 69	
Simeon Hawes, setting posts,	7 00	
Joseph L. Ross, furniture,	239 40	
John Sawyer, stone posts,	56 00	
Leonard Rogers, stone posts,	73 50	
William H. Howard, furniture,	762 77	
Calvin Staples, gravel,	10 40	
Andrew B. Grinnell, labor,	156 65	
William Knights, furniture,	73 41	
Joseph A. Parker, carpenter,	47 25	
J. H. Collins, hardware,	1 14	
Richmond & Almy, hardware,	21 71	
George T. Russell, locust posts,	22 00	
S. K. Eaton, architect,	45 00	
Augustus Robinson, stock and labor,	4 00	
B. D. Hathaway, iron work,	3 58	
William Tallman, Jr., hardware,	1 00	
B. G. Wilson, table,	12 50	
A. Meneelys' Sons, bell, Dartmouth Street School House,	117 20	
Daniel W. Sisson, repairing lock,	1 00	
C. F. Tripp, carting stone, &c.	48 50	
John Taylor, well stone,	2 31	
William Negus, carting dirt, &c.	123 00	
Thomas Sanford & Co., paints and painting,	42 54	
Ambrose Vincent, hardware,	10 31	
J. & T. Durfee, iron work,	20 20	
Howland & Palmer, hardware,	24 55	
Charles Haffards, duck, rope, &c.	15 29	
Allen Lucas, brick, lime, &c.	14 12	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co, well stones,	9 65	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	96 33	
Job Sisson, Jr., hasp and staple,	25	
Lewis G. Carpenter, iron work,	16 77	
Thomas R. Pierce, carting dirt, &c.	28 85	
N. B. Steam Planing Mill, planing,	13 71	
	$14,079 89	

Amount brought forward,	$14,079 89	$33,210 74
J. K. Cushing, carpenter,	74 39	
Anthony Hathaway, stone posts,	68 75	
William L. Dunham, painting,	4 15	
Squire Gifford, carting,	2 17	
A. Gammons & Co., carting,	1 25	
Thomas P. Tripp, lumber and labor,	8 01	
N. B. Cordage Co., rope,	2 32	
Samuel M. Tanner, glazing,	4 62	
		14,245 55

CLEANING, WHITEWASHING, SWEEPING, MAKING FIRES, &c.

William A. Garlick, making fires,	$37 50	
Henry Johnson, making fires, &c.	231 68	
Mary E. Coombs, sweeping,	2 00	
Hope Teachman, sweeping,	4 00	
Gabrilla Douglass, sweeping,	2 00	
Tilson Wood, shavings,	4 00	
Albert Macomber, ringing bell and sweeping,	2 00	
George Richmond, sweeping, &c.	2 00	
Edward Simpson, making fires, &c.	72 27	
Deborah D. Carr, sweeping,	10 00	
Robert H. Parker, ringing bell,	5 00	
Susan Smith, sweeping,	6 00	
Roscoe L. Dixon, sweeping,	18 00	
George W. Ellenwood, sweeping,	5 00	
John M. Tripp, sweeping,	23 50	
Catharine Butler, sweeping,	2 00	
Harriet E. R. Johnson, sweeping,	12 00	
Charles F. Tuckwell, sweeping and making fires,	36 37	
Martha Dixon, sweeping,	2 00	
Francis Jackson, making fires,	63 62	
Ellen Chase, sweeping,	2 00	
Caleb B. Shepherd, ringing bell,	4 00	
John Casson, making fires, &c.	82 20	
William H. Stewart, making fires,	54 25	
Puella Waters, sweeping,	10 40	
James E. Brett, making fires,	7 50	
Nancy Johnson, sweeping,	9 00	
Francis B. Luscomb, sweeping, &c.	5 50	
William Smith, making fires,	142 50	
Mercy Francis, sweeping,	8 00	
S. R. Brown, shavings,	5 00	
Mary J. Bantum, sweeping,	4 00	
Edwin Jones, making fires and sweeping,	6 50	
Thomas Manchester, making fires and sweeping,	2 00	
Helen S. Chase, sweeping,	6 00	
William A. Chamberlin, cash for sweeping,	14 00	
Joseph Tyson, making fires, &c.	30 50	
Mary H. Manchester, making fires, &c.	7 33	
Amanda Kelley and Sarah Tripp, sweeping, &c.	1 50	
Stephen V. Weaver, making fires, &c.	4 00	
Adeline A. Hathaway, sweeping, &c.	5 25	
	952 37	
		$47,456 29

Amount brought forward,	$952 37	$47,456 29
Henrietta Price, making fires, &c.	2 00	
Albert Jack, making fires, &c.	3 50	
Mrs. Smith, sweeping,	50	
Ophelia Kelley, sweeping,	2 00	
Henrietta Douglass, sweeping,	2 00	
Mrs. Roper, sweeping, &c.	11 00	
C. Jenney and H. C. Hathaway, sweeping,	10 00	
Jireh B. Gifford, cleaning,	8 00	
Benjamin Peckham, whitewashing,	3 00	
Daniel Hathaway, making fires, &c.	20 00	
Levin Betts, cleaning,	38 50	
Mahala M. Davis, cleaning, &c.	21 20	
Warren Ashley, making fires, &c.	5 00	
William Blivens, cleaning,	33 00	
Lewis Douglass, cleaning, &c,	176 07	
Timothy Gleason, cleaning, &c.	24 94	
William Downing, cleaning, &c.	7 69	
Daniel Riley, cleaning, &c.	7 50	
Timothy Braley, cleaning, &c.	7 50	
Mrs. Dodge, cleaning, &c.	4 50	
George E. Luther, sweeping,	2 00	
Herbert Smith, sweeping,	2 00	
Arthur H. Homer, sweeping,	2 00	
Anna Parsons, sweeping,	2 00	
Frances L. Dowden, sweeping,	2 00	
Robert H. Weeden, ringing bell,	2 00	
Maltiah Hathaway, whitewashing,	2 25	
John H. A. Kelley, ringing bell, &c.	50	
Mercy Williams, sweeping,	12 00	
Keziah H. Jackson, sweeping,	10 50	
Alice Smith, sweeping,	2 00	
Mary Ann Williams, sweeping,	2 00	
J. C. Thompson, sweeping,	4 00	
Mary Johnson, sweeping,	4 00	
Eben B. Cook, sweeping,	3 50	
Daniel D. Mitchell, sweeping,	1 00	
Pattison N. Martin, sweeping,	1 00	
John N. Ashley, sweeping,	4 00	
Benjamin Fleetwood, sweeping,	3 00	
Joseph B. Seabury, sweeping,	2 00	
Mary A. Price, sweeping,	4 00	
Otis Ashley, sweeping,	2 00	
A. W. Russell, sweeping,	2 50	
Ebenezer Hervey, paid for sweeping, &c.	34 00	
Nathaniel H. Heath, labor,	17 67	
James T. Smith, ringing bells,	2 00	
B. D. Coombs, sweeping,	7 72	
Charles A. Jenney, sweeping,	4 00	
Sarah Jennings, sweeping,	3 50	
Maria L. Page, sweeping,	10 75	
William B. Seabury, sweeping,	7 00	
Atwood Pittsley, sweeping, &c.	1 50	
Deborah G. Chase, sweeping, &c.	2 00	
John Lee and Joseph Maxfield, sweeping, &c.	2 51	
Adoniram Jennings, sawing and splitting wood,	2 50	
Stephen Weaver, making fires,	2 50	
Edward P. Clark, sweeping, &c.	5 00	
	$1,515 17	

Amount brought forward,	$1,515 17	47,456 29
Charles M. Pierce, whitewashing, &c.	32 67	
Charles Blake, making fires, &c.	28 50	
Mary Jones, sweeping,	2 00	
Sylvina Hands, cleaning,	2 00	
William Wadsworth, sweeping, &c.	1 00	
		1,581 34

INCIDENTALS.

N. B. Gas Light Co., gas and alcohol,	$42 50	
E. S. Quinley, drawings,	11 25	
James Thomas, horsehire, committee,	15 00	
William A. Gordon, vaccination of scholars,	3 00	
B. G. Hathaway, brushes, &c.	36 21	
J. P. Lund, sundries,	61 69	
J. C. Stone, stationery and horsehire,	13 00	
D. C. Burt, horsehire,	10 75	
Henry Hitchings, drawings,	52 12	
George W. Estes, horsehire,	4 50	
James M. Lawton, brushes, crockery, &c.	52 20	
B. G. Wilson, rent school library,	87 50	
William R. Pitman, repairing clocks,	18 13	
B. B. Dunlap, clearing snow,	5 50	
Philander Bryant, repairing clocks,	16 98	
Henry and Chas. O. Rogers, advertising Boston Journal,	1 75	
M. H. True, horsehire,	18 00	
G. S. Newcomb, apparatus,	10 00	
John D. Macomber, removing books from school library,	2 87	
D. R. Greene, land rent,	125 00	
Seth J. Tobey, labor,	69 61	
Simeon Hawes, carting coal and wood,	31 52	
N. B. & T. Rail Road Co., freight on furniture,	8 62	
Reuben Howland, repairing clocks,	2 75	
David Dutton, labor,	13 75	
John A. Brownell, carting furniture,	3 00	
Andrew B. Grinnell, carting,	10 00	
West & Crane, repairing clocks,	4 13	
John C. Brown, water pails, mugs, &c.	17 16	
James D'Wolf, setting glass, &c.	62	
George Tripp, carting bell,	33	
George Snow, carting seats,	3 00	
B. Lindsey, advertising,	8 00	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas pipe and fixtures,	51 73	
Allen & Bliss, mats brushes, &c.	29 04	
Alanson Borden, expenses for teacher,	6 25	
Sherman & Stanton, sundries,	27 62	
David M. Gifford, carriage hire.	1 25	
J. M. Hathaway, carriage hire,	17 00	
C. K. Turner & Co., sundries,	8 38	
		901 71
		$49,939 34
Balance to new account,		4 67
		$49,944 01

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$9,157 91	
By Annual Appropriation,	40,000 00	
By amount received from the Commonwealth,	786 10	
		$49,944 01

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' Salaries,	$25,459 07
Fuel,	2,035 79
Committee,	1,000 00
Books and Stationery,	1,122 61
Stoves, Pipes and Repairs,	487 01
Land,	3,106 26
New Houses, Alterations and Repairs,	14,245 55
Making fires, sweeping, cleaning, whitewashing, &c.	1,581 34
Incidentals,	901 71
Amount of expenditures	$49,939 34

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

LABOR AND NURSING.

Earl C. Briggs, cash paid,	$456 44	
John Blanding, farmer,	240 00	
William M. Allen, nursing,	264 00	
Edwin Pillsbury, nursing,	84 00	
		1,044 44

FUEL.

Levi L. Crane, coal,	39 51	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal,	1,413 87	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal,	45 00	
Lemuel Barker, 2d., wood,	533 82	
		2,032 20
		$3,076 64

Amount brought forward,		3,076 64

SALARIES.

Earl C. Briggs, keeper of the Alms House,	500 00	
John B. Gould, chaplain,	50 00	
Overseers of the Poor, two years,	1,200 00	
		1,750 00

PHYSICIANS AND MEDICINES.

James E. Blake, medicines,	69	
William R. Thaxter, medicines,	50	
Charles A. Clark, medicines,	8 13	
Daniel Thornton, medicines,	54 07	
William P. S. Cadwell, medicines,	43 54	
J. S. Mayhew, physician,	1 50	
C. H. Church & Co., medicines,	63	
Thomas Otis, medicine,	1 12	
Thornton & Gerrish, medicine,	73 72	
William A. Gordon, physician,	521 75	
		705 65
Support of persons out of the Alms House,		2,073 34

INCIDENTALS.

Chapman & Burt, clothing,	$1 00	
William Waters, carrying sick man to Hospital,	2 50	
J. B. Hadley, baking,	368 30	
Caleb Maxfield, chair,	2 00	
Samuel Bennett, crockery,	3 87	
Ryder & Smith, oak plank,	7 84	
Melvin H. True, horse hire,	20 00	
Samuel Bliss, undertaker,	18 00	
Francis W. Hatch, expenses to State Alms House,	5 15	
John Holmes, care of Overseers room,	60 00	
Earl C. Briggs, mowing machine,	130 00	
William Hall, stockings,	2 25	
N. B. & T. Rail Road Co., fares to State Alms House,	8 20	
Charles Haskell, fare from State Alms House,	80	
Earl C. Briggs, stone digging machine,	130 00	
Paul Ewer & Co., leather, &c.	21 46	
George L. Brownell, repairs of carriages,	46 48	
Benjamin G. Wilson, undertaker,	140 00	
J. H. Collins, hardware,	2 44	
Oliver Swain, boots and shoes,	141 56	
Buffington & Cook, mason work,	18 72	
William Tallman, Jr., hardware,	43 83	
Earl C. Briggs, pair of oxen,	200 00	
B. D. Hathaway, hoes,	4 00	
Earl C. Briggs, paid labor on wall,	31 50	
J. Baylies, dry goods,	47 72	
J. Brownell & Co., wheels and ironing stone digger,	177 43	
	1,638 05	
		$7,605 63

Amount brought forward,	$1,638 05	7,605 63
Thomas P. Terry, shoeing oxen,	22 17	
Job Sisson, Jr., iron work,	53 58	
Thomas Sanford & Co., setting glass,	25	
Doty & Cole, repairing carts,	2 22	
Earl C. Briggs, paid for three cows,	147 00	
Gray, Packard & Co., horse hire,	9 75	
Allen & Bliss, crockery ware,	29 12	
E. S. Cannon & Co., caps, &c.	20 25	
Cook & Durfee, whale oil,	30 96	
Robert C. Topham, oak plank,	2 53	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	9 94	
Eliot & Stetson, filling writ,	3 00	
Kelley & Swift, dry goods,	318 16	
Benjamin Ryder, fare of pauper to N. Orleans,	25 90	
Samuel S. Paine, lime, &c.,	2 94	
Thomas C. Allen, repairing harness,	16 70	
Lineas Wood, painting,	24 49	
H. D. Wentworth, hack hire,	1 50	
David M. Gifford, carriage hire,	2 00	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	61 41	
Simeon Ashley, repairing fence,	92	
Gamaliel Taber, undertaker,	132 33	
H. P. Willis & Son, repairing harnesses,	19 00	
Eddy & Baylies, dry goods,	92 49	
William O. Brownell, oakum stock,	14 47	
H. V. Davis & Co., pails,	2 38	
Bryant Newcomb, Jr., oakum stock,	165 00	
J. & T. Durfee, iron work,	6 24	
Wood, Brightman & Co., fitting steam pipes, &c.	83 91	
Wood & Brownell, potatoes,	2 50	
City Planing Mill, planing,	6 41	
Green & Wood, lumber,	86 70	
S. A. Tripp & Co., stove pipe, &c.	7 53	
Jacob Parker, powder, &c.	4 75	
J. M. Hathaway, horse hire,	5 00	
William A. Gordon, expenses,	28 30	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	198 77	
George Tappan, crockery, &c.	6 08	
Taber & Grinnell, castings,	10 28	
Earl C. Briggs, paid sundry bills,	611 24	
Fairhaven Branch Rail Road Co., fare of paupers to State Alms House,	2 40	
Repairs of Highways, carting wood and coal,	250 00	
S. Leonard & Son, sperm oil,	4 75	
		4,163 37

PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES.

James Mills, meat,	122 77	
P. G. Macomber, flour and grain,	1,668 11	
I. D. Hall, groceries,	939 17	
Barrows & Kempton, groceries,	93 32	
S. G. Nye, provisions,	91 03	
John Preston, chocolate,	3 36	
	2,917 76	
		$11,769 00

Amount brought forward,	$2,917 76	$11,769 00
Brett & Gifford, meat,	76 41	
Shaw & Whitridge, flour and grain,	94 13	
William F. Drown & Co,	145 97	
A. H. Seabury & Co., flour &c.	544 54	
A. B. Corey, groceries,	70 08	
Luther S. Chase, fish,	50 11	
Nicholas Davis, meat,	68 11	
S. Wood & Son, meat,	60 32	
Humphrey Brothers, potatoes,	102 97	
		$4,130 40
		$15,899 40
Balance to new account,		303 27
		$16,202 67

CREDITS.

By Amount received for rent of B. Thrasher's house,	19 29	
By Amount received of E. C. Briggs, on acc't of mowing machine,	15 00	
By Amount received from town of Barnstable, for support of Poor,	62 51	
By Amount received from George Weston on account of mortgage,	100 00	
By Annual Appropration,	10,000 00	
By Amount received from U. States, Hospital money,	324 43	
By Amount received from Wm. A. Gordon for sundries,	1,699 35	
By amount received from Earl C. Briggs, for sale of Farm produce,	611 24	
By balance of old account,	3,370 85	
		16,202 67
By balance brought down,	303 27	

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and Nursing,	$1,044 44
Fuel,	2,032 20
Salaries,	1,750 00
Physicians and Medicine,	705 65
Provisions and Groceries,	4,130 40
Support of persons out of Alms House,	2,073 34
Incidentals,	4,163 37
Amount of expenditures,	$15,899 40

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

LABOR AND TEAM WORK.

William Bates, 2d., labor,	$2 51	
Thomas R. Pierce, carting,	4 00	
Warren Ashley, clearing snow,	5 60	
Abraham G. Hathaway, labor, horse, man and cart,	3 75	
David M. Gifford, labor, horse, man and cart,	31 00	
Charles F. Tripp, labor, horse, man and cart,	74 75	
Nathaniel Moulton, carting,	116 02	
Simeon Hawes, clearing snow,	20 38	
Benjamin Terry, clearing snow,	7 00	
Patrick Condia, labor,	26 00	
Hayden Coggeshall, labor of horses, &c.	24 45	
R. Ashley, pay roll,	510 37	
Seth Bryant, pay roll,	21,311 58	
Silas A. Ennis, carting,	6 00	
Paul Howland, labor on sand catchers,	262 18	
Martin Pierce, labor,	122 20	
Benjamin T. King, labor,	7 00	
James D. Slocum, labor,	10 50	
Gideon T. Sawyer, labor,	21 37	
Frederick Underwood, labor,	28 25	
Gibbs Taber, labor on sand catchers,	166 48	
F. A. Hathaway, carting,	4 94	
Thomas P. Swift, labor,	1 46	
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	47 35	
Squire Gifford, carting,	12 84	
		22,827 93

FLAGGING, CURBING AND PAVING STONES.

Charles Taber, flagging,	55 20	
Gideon Allen, flagging,	44 52	
Robert Gibbs, flagging,	41 52	
Seth N. Hubbard, flagging,	196 68	
Henry P. Willis, flagging,	22 24	
Chapman & Burt, flagging,	21 00	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging,	4,594 91	
Albert Booth, curbing,	4,007 64	
Barjona D. Tripp, paving,	1,807 47	
John Taylor, curbing,	1 19	
		10,792 37

INCIDENTALS.

William Bates, 2d., lumber, sand, labor, &c.	153 66	
Brownell & Wheaton, use of gear,	49 50	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., 12 feet of stone and marking the letters "French Avenue,"	18 00	
Bryant, Goodwin & Co., bound stones, &c.	12 10	
Richmond & Almy, hardware,	12 25	
S. Rodman, wharfage flagging stone,	75 73	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	5 06	
Calvin Staples, surveying and making plan Point Road,	10 00	
Obed Nye, shovels,	4 38	
	340 68	
		$33,620 35

Amount brought forward,	$340 68	$33,620 35
David M. Gifford, harness,	10 00	
William F. Durfee, surveying,	12 00	
William O. Brownell, chain,	15 62	
P. G. Macomber, meal, corn, shorts and oats,	684 48	
Abraham G. Hathaway, cash paid F. Homer,	58	
William H. Gifford, hay and straw,	56 87	
Rodolphus Ashley, keeping oxen and use of cart and gear,	33 00	
Paul Lawrence, hay	23 56	
William O. Brownell, piece of tarpaulin,	50	
Caleb Freelove, scuttle stone for sewers,	27 00	
F. A. Kempton, rent of barn,	30 00	
James H. Collins, hoes, shovels, &c.	8 76	
E. C. Milliken & Co., oil and foots,	18 12	
Giles A. Ennis, labor clearing cesspools and gutters,	9 25	
William Wilcox, use of gear and repairs,	9 83	
Thomas Davis, one pair oxen,	182 50	
Abel Snell, hay,	16 86	
A. King, hay,	26 56	
Barnabas Collins, hay,	23 96	
Calvin Staples, gravel,	640 60	
William A. Nash, repairs on carts,	55 87	
Gideon T. Sawyer, horse and cart,	310 00	
Isaac Evans, repairing harnesses,	44 36	
S. R. Brown, glazing at stable,	4 33	
N. Moulton, hay,	30 73	
Estate of James Thomas, horse hire,	5 25	
John Mathews, fitting gear for derrick,	11 25	
J. P. Caswell, lanterns, &c.	6 73	
Charles F. Tripp, hay,	22 12	
Shaw & Whitridge, grain,	204 75	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting at stable,	20 30	
F. & G. R. Taber, weighing stones,	2 16	
George and Allen Russell, gravel delivered three years,	31 25	
John Haskins, lot of land bought for gravel,	33 25	
Jacob Parker, powder, &c., for blasting on County street,	390 52	
Sylvester Holmes, hay,	66 55	
Zacheus Gifford, hay,	7 19	
Wright Brownell and James Wheaton, derrick,	150 00	
George H. Howland, plank for walk on Kempton street,	328 80	
Manchester & Gooding, stone and labor,	213 66	
John Kirk, grain,	155 35	
A. H. Seabury & Co., grain,	347 52	
W. & D. G. Watkins, steel,	4 50	
Booth & Hathaway, lumber,	22 34	
Neal Green, sand,	108 00	
Matthew Merry, hay,	123 56	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal for Superintendant's office,	13 60	
Samuel S. Paine, brick and cement for sand catchers,	161 88	
Henry Gifford, stone for bridge at Allen's Mills,	44 65	
C. K. Turner, straw,	8 32	
Alvin Tripp, straw,	8 76	
George D. Swift, sharpening tools,	55 87	
Estate of S. H. Gifford, gravel,	11 30	
Andrew B. Grinnell, pick handles and guide post,	9 00	
Thomas P. Terry, iron work,	34 76	
John A. Spooner, bridge stone	21 60	
William H. Washburn, tool handles, &c.	3 25	
	5,244 06	

Amount brought forward,	$5,244 06	$33,620 35
James Wilbur, gravel,	5 20	
William D. Sherman, sharpening tools,	85 28	
B. D. Hathaway, sharpening tools,	53 84	
Thomas C. Case, powder cans,	1 75	
George Lee, sharpening tools,	33 44	
William Tallman, Jr., hardware,	12 45	
Simeon Brown, sharping tools,	158 49	
Lewis G. Carpenter, sharpening tools,	84 01	
Doty & Cole, repairing carts,	146 55	
Ambrose Vincent, hardware,	23 64	
Dean & Sawyer, sharpening tools,	4 40	
O. C. Smith, sharpening tools,	11 42	
Franklin Jenney, labor on plank walk,	76 17	
J. & T. R. Durfee, tools, sharpening tools, &c.	95 40	
Paul Howland, 2d., stock and labor,	367 87	
Job Sisson, Jr., sharpening tools, &c.	146 79	
Reuben Weeks, gravel,	9 06	
H. P. Willis & Son, repairing harnesses,	24 37	
John F. Vinal, gravel,	19 50	
Simeon F. King, sharpening tools,	6 00	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber.	42 01	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal for Superintendant's office,	3 00	
John Teachout, sharpening tools,	4 55	
George W. Estes, weighing stones,	13 86	
Abraham Brownell, straw,	18 35	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting,	6 85	
Ezra Francis, brick, cement, sand, &c.	3 49	
Nathan Lewis, lead pipe, &c.	3 30	
Joseph Richardson, weighing stone,	24 24	
Isaac C. Corey, repairing cart,	2 37	
Simeon N. West gravel,	39 12	
William P. Doty, repairing wheelbarrow,	2 33	
S. W. McFarlin, grain,	77 23	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware,	108 25	
Ezra Clark, stock and labor,	74 91	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery for Sup't office,	8 54	
J. M. Foster, stock and labor,	45 77	
Hillman street wharf, wharfage, flagging,	38 57	
Thomas C. Allen, repairing harnesses.	56 30	
Sturtevant & Sherman, stock and labor,	14 29	
William C. Parker, paint and labor,	1 68	
Hayden Coggeshall, gravel,	47 10	
Walnut street wharf, wharfage, flagging,	15 09	
Sears, Robinson & Co., stock and labor,	1 88	
A. Gammons & Co., sand,	78 34	
Taber's wharf, wharfage, flagging,	9 84	
N. B. Cordage Co., fall for derrick,	155 57	
Charles Hitch, gravel,	4 31	
William Wilcox, lumber,	77 43	
Charles M. Pierce, gravel and labor,	6 63	
Stephen P. Sawyer, ladles and basins,	5 01	
Merchant's wharf, wharfage, flagging,	2 57	
J. &. T. R. Taber, blocks for derrick,	14 76	
		7,617 23
		$41,237 58
Balance to new account,		132 80
		$41,370 38

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$96 83	
By Amount rec'd of Wm. Bates, 2d., for street dirt,	12 25	
By Amount rec'd of Bethuel Penniman, for damages,	30 00	
By Amount rec'd of Hayden Coggeshall,	16 00	
By Amount rec'd of R. Ashley, pigs sold,	22 68	
By Amount rec'd of Paul Howland, 2d., overcharge,	14 00	
By Amount rec'd of Neal Green, for 1 cart and stone,	16 88	
By Annual Appropriation,	30,000 00	
By Transfer from Incidental Expense Account,	10,000 00	
By Amount rec'd from L. Gammons, Jr., horse sold him,	71 05	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, for repairing streets,	27 03	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, sale of one pair oxen,	175 69	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, dirt sold,	14 75	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, manure sold,	54 75	
By Amount rec'd from Fire Department, for stone,	492 00	
By Amount rec'd from Charles M. Pierce, for stone,	21 63	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, pigs sold,	54 84	
By Amount rec'd from Support of the Poor, carting wood and coal,	250 00	
		$41,370 38
By balance brought down,	132 80	

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and team work,	$22,827 98
Flagging, curbing and paving stones,	10,792 37
Incidentals,	7,617 23
Amount of expenditures,	$41,237 58

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ENGINE MEN.

Members of the Hook and Ladder Company,	$328 00	
Members of Engine Company No. 2,	113 91	
" " " " " 3,	674 31	
" " " " " 5,	872 75	
" " " " " 6,	956 75	
" " " " " 7,	724 10	
" " " " " 9,	733 75	
" " " " " 10,	716 50	
" " " " " 11,	691 28	
Board of Engineers and Clerk,	257 10	
		6,068 45

RESERVOIRS.

Amount brought forward,		$6,063 45
Wood, Brightman & Co., blasting tubes,	75	
Owen Sullivan, labor,	11 87	
Nathaniel Phinney, damage blasting,	33 60	
John Teachout, sharpening drills,	4 62	
Bryant, Gooding & Co., stone,	4 95	
Taber & Grinnell, covers,	60 03	
David M. Gifford, labor,	10 50	
George W. Estes, powder,	33	
Wright Brownell, labor,	1 68	
Wright Brownell and James Wheaton, use of derrick, &c.	100 00	
Charles F. Tripp, labor, horses and men,	67 87	
Phineas F. Drew, stone and labor,	5 00	
William Bates, 2d., sand, &c.	2 87	
Henry Walker, damage, blasting on Pleasant street,	26 86	
Lemuel Gammons, damage by blasting,	25 00	
J. M. Lawton, empty barrels,	1 13	
Allen Lucas, cement, Pleasant street,	5 12	
E. C. Milliken & Co., oil,	8 95	
Seth Bryant, pay roll, labor,	1,631 41	
Jacob Parker, powder,	1 87	
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	129 53	
Anthony Hathaway, stone,	24 66	
George D. Swift, sharpening tools, &c.	31 21	
William Beetle, labor on derrick,	9 79	
William D. Sherman, sharpening drills,	5 26	
Prescott Lewis, covering stones,	380 42	
James Wheaton, labor on reservoirs,	3 80	
Frederick Underwood, labor,	463 19	
Nathaniel Moulton, carting and hoisting,	162 81	
Samuel S. Paine, brick and cement,	280 90	
Nathan Lewis, blasting tubes,	1 50	
Manchester & Gooding, stone work,	107 44	
J. & T. Durfee, iron work,	43 89	
Joseph Clarke, repairing pumps,	44 18	
Martin Pierce, labor with team,	96 20	
Lewis G. Carpenter, sharpening tools, &c.	4 54	
Simeon Brown, sharpening tools, &c.	17 72	
William H. Jenney, tin can,	1 00	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., stone covering,	16 74	
Benjamin Almy, cask to make tubs,	4 20	
James M. Tripp, iron work,	27 57	
Ezra Clark, stock and labor,	57 34	
Repairs of Highways, stone,	492 00	
H. N. Andrews & Co., carting derrick,	2 40	
Gibbs Taber, stock and labor,	14 12	
Gibbs Taber, use of derrick,	18 00	
F. Whitton, use of leader blocks,	1 25	
William C. Howland, mason work,	200 18	
		$4,649 25
		$10,717 70

Amount brought forward,		$10,717 70

NEW ENGINE No. FIVE, AND HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE.

Joseph Brownell & Co., new hook and ladder carriage,	$1,225 00	
L. Button & Co., new engine No. 5, and hose cart,	1,668 00	
N. B. & T. Rail Road Co., freight of engine,	10 00	
		$2,903 00

REPAIRS ON ENGINES, ENGINE HOUSES AND ENGINE HOSE.

James M. Tripp, repairing hose reel, &c.	$6 75	
Henry P. Willis & Son, new hose, &c.	1,424 30	
Edward A. Jenney, cleaning hose, &c.	89 00	
Joseph Hammond, cleaning hose,	126 50	
Gifford & Topham, torches, &c.	208 13	
Ezra K. Delano, fitting hose reels, &c.	86 63	
Gray & Barker, repairs, &c.	12 49	
Ezra Clark, labor,	1 25	
Thomas P. Swift, lumber and labor,	14 03	
Jenney & Searell, rigging for flag staff, &c.	15 55	
William Tallman, Jr., locks and keys,	27 92	
Isaac Snell, labor,	20 00	
Abraham Hand, labor,	4 00	
Engine Company No. 11, taking care of engine,	24 00	
John H. Gray and Alden Lawton, cleaning hose, &c.	4 25	
Ryder & Smith, spars for flag staffs,	102 65	
John Matthews, putting up flag staff,	11 00	
Thomas C. Allen, hose, &c.	759 00	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting,	38 09	
A. Gammons & Co., carting,	11 09	
Warren Tripp, labor on well in hook and ladder house,	45 18	
J. Brownell & Co., iron work on engines,	82 69	
Potter, Hillman & Co., painting flag staffs,	10 97	
L. S. Tripp, sending down topmast,	3 00	
Gideon T. Sawyer, mason work,	13 00	
William A. Nash, painting engines,	45 00	
Barker & Hazard, repairs on engines,	62 09	
J. & T. Durfee, iron work,	190 58	
Pierce & Keen, stock and labor,	58 97	
Ambrose Vincent, hardware,	28 78	
S. A. Tripp & Co., lanters, &c,	11 96	
William Gifford, 2d., lumber and labor,	6 16	
John Agnew, bells for hose reel,	13 00	
Horatio A. Kempton, lumber,	10 45	
Benjamin B. Covell, painting and glazing,	3 83	
William C. Howland, stock and labor, engine house,	61 05	
William G. White, repairing wheels and painting,	57 75	
Sullings & Kingman, pump chain and tubing,	1 51	
Delano & Pierce, digging drain,	2 15	
B. F. Corson & Co., carting,	3 29	
Anthony Hathaway, door cap, &c., for engine house,	13 75	
H. N. Kimball, carting hose,	75	
C. H. Walker, carting hose,	75	
Z. Whittemore, tallow and oil,	91 38	
Squire Gifford, carting,	25 99	
T. D. Cook, lumber and labor,	54 47	
		$3,885 13
		$17,505 83

Amount brought forward, $17,505 83

INCIDENTALS.

Thornton & Gerrish, beeswax,	$4 62	
Parsons & Co., stationery,	15 75	
N. B. Gas Light Company, gas for engine houses,	63 17	
James Thomas, drawing engine from fire,	2 00	
Weston Howland, repairing flag,	2 50	
I. Howland, Jr., & Co., oil,	18 05	
Levi L. Crane, coal for engine houses,	8 87	
William H. Manchester, ringing bell at fire alarms,	10 00	
Samuel J. Carr, ringing bell at fire alarms,	10 00	
John A. Ruggles, ringing bell at fire alarms,	10 00	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal for engine houses,	65 27	
Young Mechanic Engine Co., use of furniture for Veterans,	8 33	
Robert Luscomb, torch bearer,	10 00	
Martin Peckham, torch bearer,	10 00	
J. H. Collins, axe,	1 25	
Ezra B. Crapo, refreshments for firemen, Liberty Hall fire,	17 00	
Stephen Y. Dunham, ring bell at fire alarms,	10 00	
James C. Smith, torch bearer,	10 00	
James McKenney, fireman,	1 25	
William H. Doane, ringing bell at fire alarms,	5 95	
Franklin D. Ford, fireman,	1 25	
George W. Davee, fireman,	4 25	
E. E. Shepardson, staffs for engineers,	18 00	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, ringing bell at fire alarms,	6 00	
James Kent, ringing bell at fire alarms,	6 00	
Eliphalet Daggett, ringing bell at fire alarms,	2 63	
William G. E. Pope, halyards,	5 31	
Engine Company No. 7, flag,	30 00	
William A. Weeden, making flag No. 11,	25 00	
William G. Wing, pipe and repairs on stoves,	36 40	
E. Anthony, advertising for Veteran Association,	7 50	
Simeon Hawes, carting engine,	5 00	
Henry Spooner, drawing engine from White's Factory,	6 00	
William Tallman, Jr., axe,	1 25	
B. D. Hathaway, axes and handles,	7 83	
F. Hathaway, drawing hook and ladder carriage from Rivet Factory.	1 00	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal for engine houses,	9 90	
Nathan Lewis, stoves and repairs,	31 67	
Doty & Cole, hammer handles,	65	
William K. Taber, carting,	2 25	
Allen Phillips, repairing flags,	2 50	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas fixtures and fitting stoves,	94 21	
Watson & Manchester, bread, engine Co's 6 and 10, 4th July,	15 31	
Robert C. Topham, repairing flags, &c.	12 84	
Sanford & Howland, sperm oil,	31 10	
Benjamin Lindsey, advertising for Veteran Association,	10 00	
Gray, Packard & Co., horse hire,	8 00	
Giles A. Ennis, drawing engines,	11 75	
Freeman C. Luce, for lost time from injuries,	30 00	
		707 61
		$18,213 44

CREDITS.

By balance of old account,	$509 66	
By Annual Appropriation,	16,000 00	
By Transfer from Incidental Expense account,	1,500 00	
By Amount received from Frederick Underwood, for stones,	1 88	
		18,011 54
Balance to new account,		201 90
		$18,213 44
To Balance brought down,	201 90	

RECAPITULATION.

Engine men,	$6,068 45
Reservoirs,	4,649 25
Repairs on Engine Houses, hose, &c.	3,885 13
New Engines, &c.	2,903 00
Incidentals,	707 61
	$18,213 44

LIGHTING THE STREETS.

GAS.

New Bedford Gas Light Company,	$5,426 07

OIL.

E. C. Milliken & Co., sperm oil,	$2,041 75	
Samuel Leonard & Son, sperm oil,	552 90	
Sanford & Howland, sperm oil,	212 80	
E. Milliken, sperm oil,	939 90	
		$3,747 35

LANTERNS, LAMP POSTS, &c.

Taber & Grinnell, fitting lanterns and materials for do.	$64 93	
Henry O. Remington, labor setting lamps, &c.	14 37	
Marshal G. Sears, labor,	1 50	
David E. Chase, painting and glazing,	348 47	
New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas pipe, &c.	93 05	
	522 32	
		$9,173 42

Amount brought forward,	522 32	$9,173 42
Manchester & Gooding, drilling in posts,	28 70	
Wood, Brightman & Co., lanterns, repairs, &c.	388 60	
Stephen P. Sawyer, lanterns and repairing,	46 89	
Nathan Lewis, lamp tubes, &c.	2 96	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting posts, &c.	25 51	
S. A. Tripp & Co., repairing lanterns, &c.	14 10	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., setting frames for lanterns, &c.	7 68	
William F. H. Clapp, repairing lanterns, &c.	40 73	
John C. Wilson, repairing lanterns, &c.	50 50	
Edward Bierstadt, repairing lanterns,	6 17	
Lewis G. Carpenter, iron work,	73 73	
Job Sisson, Jr., fitting ladders,	67	
T. D. Cook, stock and labor,	60 51	
Thomas H. Pierce, ladders,	9 50	
Joseph Brownell & Co., iron work,	93 16	
		1,371 73

LIGHTING.

John Casson,	$197 98	
Henry Foster,	215 98	
Porter Hendrickson,	17 98	
George Copewell,	200 98	
Thomas Hill,	215 98	
Caleb Handy,	215 98	
Marshal Potts,	87 81	
William H. Stewart,	147 86	
Andrew Dandridge,	109 58	
George P. Spooner,	7 00	
Jesse Richardson,	207 00	
Alfred Johnson,	65 99	
Lewis Blair,	65 59	
Robert Gibson,	22 24	
William Johnson,	18 00	
William Smith,	19 00	
Francis Sullivan,	11 53	
		1,826 48

INCIDENTALS.

J. H. Perry & Co., spirits of turpentine,	$20 56	
James H. Collins, shears, &c.	6 02	
William H. Doane, carting,	281 50	
Francis Tripp, carting,	75	
Nye, Thacher & Co., matches,	4 50	
Howland & Palmer, shears,	5 83	
Eddy & Baylies, wicking,	2 10	
		321 26
		$12,692 89
Balance to new account,		262 59
		$12,955 48

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$955 48	
By Annual Appropriation,	12,000 000	
		$12,955 48
By Balance to new account,	$262 59	

RECAPITULATION.

Gas,	$5,426 07
Oil,	3,747 35
Lanterns, Lantern Posts, &c.	1,371 73
Lighting,	1,826 48
Incidentals,	321 26
	$12,692 89

CITY WATCH.

WATCHMEN.

George R. Hurlbut,	$540 00
William M. Howard,	63 75
Lewis S. Jennings,	456 25
Preserved Bullock,	62 50
Lemuel R. Driscol,	32 50
Abraham Estes,	262 50
Leonard Ellis,	453 75
Daniel McCarty,	13 75
Nathan B. Read,	248 75
George M. Ripner,	457 50
Stephen J. Stratton,	66 25
Francis C. Stimpson,	453 75
George Taber,	457 50
Jeremiah Hill,	455 00
George Gardner,	56 25
Benjamin L. Hood,	53 75
William Duffy,	52 50
Joseph C. Tew,	56 25
Warren Tripp,	51 25
J. Henry Tripp,	57 50
Elisha K. Robbins,	7 50
John R. Chase,	63 75
Isaac Bennett,	56 25
Wilson Drake,	56 25
Joseph Hammond,	388 75
	4,923 75

Amount brought forward,	$4,923 75	
Thomas Croucher,	393 75	
George Bowker,	393 75	
Benjamin S. Wilcox,	393 75	
Caleb L. Ormsbee,	341 25	
Taber Bolles,	393 75	
Adley Wilcox,	393 75	
Thomas H. Pierce,	392 50	
Leander A. Tripp,	393 75	
Willard Gifford,	391 25	
Daniel P. Devoll,	385 00	
Josiah Newcomb,	392 50	
John C. Hervey,	388 75	
Samuel M. Havens,	51 25	
Thomas B. Paull,	7 50	
		$9,636 25

INCIDENTALS.

Thomas Collins, taking care of watch house,	$120 00	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture,	22 71	
Richmond & Almy, hand bell and shovel,	1 12	
N. B. Gas Light Co., gas,	80 60	
Borland & Rogers, clubs for watchmen,	10 50	
George R. Hurlbut, cash paid for one nights watching,	1 25	
Mrs. Turner, cleaning watch house,	7 00	
J. H. Crittenden, painting,	25 06	
James T. Almy, silver stars for watchmen,	28 00	
Nathan Lewis, lanterns, &c.	3 66	
Allen & Bliss, crockery,	5 15	
Kelley & Swift, crash,	94	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	4 93	
Z. Whittemore, soap,	2 60	
		313 52
		$9,949 77
Balance to new account,		377 31
		$10,327 08

CREDITS.

By Balance brought forward,	$327 08	
By Annual Appropriation,	10,000 00	
		$10,327 08
By balance brought down,	377 31	

RECAPITULATION.

Watchmen,	$9,636 25
Incidentals,	313 52
Amount of expenditures,	$9,949 77

RURAL CEMETERY.

To Balance of old account,		$5,061 70
Samuel Bliss, repairs on fence,	$7 39	
Charles Grinnell's Estate, sundry bills,	17 36	
William H. Jenney, sundry bills,	8 00	
		32 75
		$5,094 45

CREDITS.

By Amount received from Charles Grinnell's estate, sale of lots,	$85 00	
By Amount received from Wm. H. Jenney, sale of lots,	400 00	
		$485 00
Balance to new account,		4,609 45
		$5,094 45
To balance brought down,	$4,609 45	

OAK GROVE CEMETERY.

Martin Wheeler, removing shed,	$15 36	
Charles Grinnell's Estate, sundry bills,	91 90	
William H. Jenney, sundry bills,	87 14	
Calvin Staples, surveying lots,	16 00	
		210 40
Balance to new account,		1,867 28
		$2,077 68

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$1,153 68	
By Amount received from Estate of Charles Grinnell, sale of lots,	524 00	
By Amount received from Wm. H. Jenney, sale of lots,	400 00	
		2,077 68
By balance brought down,	1,867 28	

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Estate of Charles Grinnell, sundry bills,	$13 35	
William H. Jenney, sundry bills,	1 25	
James Warren, painting gate,	75	
		15 35
Balance to new account,		146 35
		$161 70

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$131 70	
By Amount received from Estate of Charles Grinnell, sale of lots,	30 00	
		161 70
By balance brought down,	146 35	

CITY DEBT.

To balance of old account,	$24 15	
Amount paid principal and interest on loans,	14,605 13	
Balance to new account,	424 85	
		$15,054 13

CREDITS.

By Annual Appropriation,	$15,054 13	
By balance brought down,	424 85	

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BOOKS, &c.

Charles Taber & Co., books,	$267 85	
Abner J. Phipps, books,	1,067 76	
James B. Congdon, books, &c.	378 43	
		1,714 04

LIBRARIAN.

Robert C. Ingraham,	500 00
	$2,214 04

Amount brought forward,		$2,214 04

INCIDENTALS.

Alfred Kempton, coal,	$25 50	
George Tappan and Nathan Chase, rent,	240 00	
		265 50
		$2,479 54
Balance to new account,		43 68
		$2,523 22

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$523 22	
By Annual Appropriation,	2,000 00	
		2,523 22
By balance brought down,	43 68	

RECAPITULATION.

Books, &c,	$1,714 04
Librarian,	500 00
Incidentals,	265 50
Amount of expenditures,	$2,479 54

CITY LIQUOR AGENCY.

SALARIES AND RENT.

Estate of William R. Rodman, rent,	$250 00	
Reuben Howland, salary,	164 96	
George Perry, salary,	616 29	
Nathan B. Gifford, salary,	693 75	
		1,725 00

LIQUORS, &c.

J. M. Barnard & Co., liquors,	$897 52	
John Bramsom & Co., liquors,	1,778 12	
Towle & Seavy, liquors,	148 78	
Weeks & Potter, liquors,	719 40	
J. D. & M. Williams, liquors,	1,119 68	
N. B. & T. Rail Road Co., freight,	16 53	
A. S. Mansfield, liquors,	8,694 61	
		13,374 64
		$15,099 64

Amount brought forward,		$15,099 64

INCIDENTALS.

Reuben Howland, sundry bills,	$98 47	
New Bedford Gas Light Company, gas,	20 33	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	8 87	
George Perry, sundry bills,	416 51	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal,	21 64	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal,	6 00	
Charles Taber & Co., books and stationery,	21 28	
Lewis Hathaway, lumber and labor,	8 70	
		601 80
		$15,701 44
Balance to new account,		2,628 88
		$18,330 32

CREDITS.

By Balance of old account,	$3,629 36	
By Amount received from the Agent, for sales,	14,700 96	
		$18,330 32
By balance brought down,	$2,628 88	

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries and rent,	$1,725 00
Liquors, &c.	13,374 64
Incidentals,	601 80
Amount of expenditures	$15,701 44

MAIN DRAINS AND COMMON SEWERS.

LABOR AND TEAM WORK.

Seth Bryant, pay roll for labor,	$4,969 22	
Whitman Vinal, labor,	74 25	
Wright Brownell, labor,	165 70	
Paul Howland, 2d., labor,	179 25	
Frederick Underwood, labor	251 00	
Gibbs Taber, labor, &c.	573 70	
James Wheaton, labor,	26 50	
George P. Underwood, labor,	106 10	
Ezra Francis, labor,	41 86	
Moulton & Leavitt, carting,	67 17	
N. Moulton, carting,	61 45	
John F. Underwood, carting,	21 12	
		6,537 32

Amount brought forward,		$6,537 32

STOCK, TOOLS, &c.

William Bates, 2d., sand, plank, &c.	$5 95	
Richmond & Almy, basin, dipper, shovels, &c.	36 62	
William B. King, damage from Sycamore street drain,	7 00	
Samuel S. Paine, bricks and cement,	3,545 43	
J. P. Caswell, lamp feeder and canister,	67	
Martin Pierce, labor, sand and teaming,	837 27	
Simeon Brown, sharpening tools,	71 93	
Jacob Parker, powder, &c.	48 75	
Booth & Hathaway, lumber, &c.	25 63	
George D. Swift, sharpening tools,	37 56	
Manchester & Gooding, scuttle frames,	108 00	
Dean & Sawyer, sharpening tools,	58 23	
E. Milliken, oil,	14 00	
Gideon T. Sawyer, sand,	19 80	
Thomas Bowman, stock and labor,	32 27	
J. & T. Durfee, drills, &c.	61 24	
Ezra Clark, stock and labor on arch boards, &c.	47 99	
J. M. Foster, lumber and labor,	26 89	
William D. Sherman, sharpening tools, &c.	47 59	
B. D. Hathaway, sharpening tools, &c.	55 78	
Doty & Cole, tool handles,	5 67	
George Lee, sharpening tools,	17 52	
Henry F. Thomas, cast steel,	9 50	
Green & Wood, lumber,	3 63	
Samuel Leonard & Son, oil,	9 00	
Job Sisson, Jr., sharpening tools, &c.	20 03	
N. B. Cordage Co., rope,	5 73	
Sullings & Kingman, hardware, &c.	49 14	
Joseph Brownell & Co., sharpening tools, &c.	5 63	
Wood, Brightman & Co., blasting tubes,	3 41	
Thomas P. Swift, plank and labor,	6 47	
		5,224 33
		$11,761 65
Balance of old account,		4,833 08
		1,6594 73

CREDITS.

By Amount rec'd from sundry persons for stone,	$14 25	
By Amount rec'd from Sailors' Home, for entering drain, William street Sewer,	10 00	
By Amount Loan of J. Swift, Jr., and others,	5,000 00	
By Amount rec'd from S. Bryant, for labor,	1 25	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on William St. Sewer,	1,390 80	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Maxfield St. Sewer,	686 54	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Union Street Sewer,	292 40	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Mill and North Street Sewer,	1,480 63	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on School Street Sewer,	98 13	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Hillman St. Sewer,	1,239 53	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Bush Street Sewer,	1,039 96	
By Amount rec'd from abuttors on Campbell St. Sewer,	226 50	
Balance charged in new account,	5,114 74	
		16,594 73
To balance brought down,	5,114 74	

RECAPITULATION.

Labor and team work,	$6,537 32
Stock, Tools, &c.	5,224 33
Amount of expenditures,	11,761 65

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

SALARIES.

Rodney French, Mayor,	$200 00	
Charles F. Wilcox, Treasurer and Collector,	293 00	
Sanford S. Horton, City Clerk,	187 50	
Isaac M. Richardson, Clerk of Common Council,	200 00	
Chas. D. Burt, City Marshal,	1,000 00	
Rodolphus Ashley, Superintendent of Streets,	225 00	
Francis W. Hatch, Assistant Marshal,	675 00	
Nath'l Cory, Assistant Marshal and sealer of coal baskets,	156 25	
John Valentine, Jr., Assistant Marshal,	150 00	
Charles W. Underwood, Assistant Marshal,	150 00	
Daniel Ripley, Assistant Marshal,	150 00	
Charles E. Hall, Assistant Marshal,	150 00	
Robert A. Dillingham, Messenger,	350 00	
William H. Manchester, Bell Ringer,	125 00	
Henry O. Remington, Superintendent of Street Lamps,	75 00	
Samuel Studley, Clerk of Market,	43 75	
Charles F. Wilcox, Deputy Collector,	100 00	
Committee on Truants,	100 00	
Nathaniel Shepherd, care of City Clock and repairs,	50 50	
Thomas D. Robinson, City Solicitor and expenses,	96 55	
Oliver Prescott, Judge of Police Court,	750 00	
F. L. Porter, Clerk of Police Court,	300 00	
Seth Bryant, Superintendent of Streets,	675 00	
George Howland, Jr., Mayor,	600 00	
Gideon B. Spooner, 2d, City Clerk,	562 50	
Frederick Bryant, Treasurer and Collector,	825 00	
Eliphalet Robbins, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Joshua P. Dunbar, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Oliver M. Brownell, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Thomas A. Howland, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Lewis G. Allen, Assistant Marshal,	450 00	
Richard Davenport, Clerk of Market,	131 25	
William H. Jenney, Superintendent of Burial Grounds and Sealer of Coal Baskets,	93 75	
William H. Doane, Superintendent of Street Lamps,	225 00	
		10,890 05

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Edmund Anthony,	$871 20	
B. Lindsey,	293 14	
		1,164 34
		$12,054 39

Amount brought forward,		$12,054 39

ELECTIONS.

Wardens,	$30 00	
Ward Clerks,	77 00	
Inspectors,	86 00	
Envelope Distributors,	14 00	
Ward Rooms,	100 00	
George H. Dunbar, services on voters lists,	15 00	
John Holmes, taking care of ward rooms,	1 50	
		323 50

ASSESSORS.

Assessors Salary,	$1,500 00	
Ezra K. Delano, sundries,	1 95	
Josiah S. Bonney, horse hire,	5 00	
Abraham Ashley, 2d., horse hire,	12 00	
Edward Munro, horse hire,	1 00	
John Holmes, care of Assessors' Room,	23 25	
Charles Taber & Co., Assessors' Books,	51 97	
		1,595 17

CITY COMMON.

Gideon T. Sawyer, gravel, sand, cement, &c.	$9 78	
R. Ashley, pay roll,	38 87	
Curtis Gammons, team work,	13 00	
Isaiah Wilcox, setting trees,	31 50	
Benjamin Pool, labor,	1 87	
William Jordan, labor,	1 25	
Josiah P. Tilton, labor,	6 87	
E. Milliken, pay rolls,	1,093 93	
Robert G. Ingraham, plan of Common,	100 00	
		1,297 07

POLICE COURT.

Thomas Collins, taking care of Court Room,	$54 00	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	13 79	
		67 79

GAS AND GAS FIXTURES.

New Bedford Gas Light Company,	$493 39	
J. F. Delany, fitting gas pipe,	5 87	
Wood, Brightman & Co., gas fixtures,	1 50	
		500 76
		$15,838 68

Amount brought forward,		$15,838 68

FOURTH OF JULY.

O. Swain, sundry expenses,	$63 18	
Tremont Brass Band, services,	125 00	
J. N. Barrows, sundry bills,	42 60	
George L. Brownell, sundry bills,	101 28	
William H. Howard, sundry bills,	280 01	
William Covell, putting up fire works,	25 00	
E. Milliken, sundry bills,	21 10	
Holden & Cutter, fire works,	550 00	
Tillinghast Head, firing salute,	60 00	
C. Dantsizen, ringing bell,	2 00	
Thomas West, silver plate for firemen,	480 52	
George R. Hurlbut, ringing bell,	2 00	
William H. Manchester, ringing bell,	2 00	
Blaisdell & Wing, dinner,	97 50	
Edmund Anthony, advertising,	27 25	
Benjamin Kenerson, storage,	5 00	
E. C. Jones, use of horse,	5 00	
H. S. Kirby, use of flags,	2 00	
Simpson Hart, use of flags,	13 48	
Benjamin Lindsey, advertising,	47 00	
Thomas Bowman, carpenter,	10 73	
Blaisdell & Wing, dinner for Tremont Band,	16 00	
William H. Topham, cutting hay on Common,	4 00	
A. W. Munroe, ringing bell,	2 00	
		1,984 65

SUPPORT OF THE INSANE.

State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton,		1,117 99

INCIDENTALS.

Thornton & Gerrish, strychnine,	$6 33	
William Bates, 2d., carpenter,	7 68	
Isaac Guynn, labor in City Hall,	344 33	
Charles L. Wood and J. W. Ellis, running drain,	50 00	
Zenas Whittemore, soap,	4 27	
Deborah Price, damage, blasting on Maxfield street,	3 50	
Richmond & Almy, stoves, pipe and repairing,	17 01	
Joshua Gibbs, 3d., horse hire,	5 50	
William H. Boone & Co., new pump and repairs old one,	41 87	
Rodney French, expenses to procure loans,	14 95	
Caleb Freelove, labor,	6 30	
Repairs of Highways, flag stone, Market cellar,	288 00	
Marine Bank, interest,	108 50	
C. H. Walker, carting voters lists and documents,	3 75	
Gifford & Topham, staple to bell,	1 50	
Samuel Bliss, returning deaths,	13 08	
Ichabod Coggeshall, keeping P. Furlong's horse,	6 00	
George A. Bourne, rent of Armory,	471 13	
R. W. White, damage to wagon from defect in street,	3 00	
	1,396 70	
		$18,941 32

Amount brought forward,	$1,396 70	$18,941 32
Mrs. Guynn, washing in City Hall,	2 75	
C. K. Turner, clearing vaults,	9 00	
Andrew Mackie, vaccinations,	163 75	
Jacob Waggoner, posting notices,	21 00	
Samuel Bliss, clearing snow,	4 25	
Charles D. Burt, cash paid for clearing snow,	24 50	
Levi L. Crane, coal,	78 50	
George D. Swift, damage in suit with Simeon Brown,	77 40	
Pettis & Lovejoy, matting for City Hall,	69 80	
James Thomas, horse hire,	1 25	
George H. Dunbar, assessing on drain,	5 00	
A. D. Richmond & Co., repairs of water closet,	12 91	
George H. Howland, copying lay out of streets,	5 00	
City Guards, bounty money,	478 00	
Charles L. Harmus, damage, South Second street,	300 00	
Timothy D. Cook, damage, South Second street,	500 00	
George M. Woodward, county tax,	12,915 50	
New Bedford Brass Band, public concerts,	275 00	
Gideon T. Sawyer, mason work,	21 76	
Mechanics Bank, temporary loan and interest,	81,118 40	
Sanford S. Horton, taking census,	81 92	
Charles F. Wilcox, taking census,	49 08	
Andrew Mackie, medical services, brig Leonidas,	5 00	
Silas D. Damon, damage, Cedar street,	50 00	
Caleb Maxfield, furniture,	35 45	
Frederick Underwood, repairing drain,	1 75	
Lewis Jones & Son, ventilators for City Hall,	202 70	
Edward Merrill, damage, Front street,	2,700 00	
William O. Brownell, damage, Front street,	2,180 00	
Ward M. Parker, damage, Front street,	5,640 00	
Commercial Wharf Company, damage, Front street,	7,000 00	
Paul Howland, 2d., fitting drain, Market Square,	73 94	
Ezra K. Delano, assessing on sewers,	30 00	
William H. Howard, furniture, &c.,	3 84	
Edward N. Barrows, charcoal,	62 10	
James H. Crittenden, painting Police office,	36 53	
Steam Propeller Wamsutta, freight of bell,	9 25	
Thomas J. Marsh, State tax,	10,417 50	
N. B. & T. Rail Road, freight on ventilators,	2 31	
J. Baylies, furniture, Police office,	8 50	
Nathan Lewis, registers, City Hall,	15 00	
Delano & Pierce, whitewashing, &c.	32 81	
Gamaliel Taber, returning deaths,	17 64	
Taber's Wharf Company, damage, Front street,	5,789 64	
James B. Congdon, damage, Front street,	2,520 22	
Alfred Weaver, spreading lime.	1 00	
William W. Swain, damage, Front street,	1,000 00	
S. A. Tripp, repairs, stoves and pipe,	100 63	
Isaac Guynn, cleaning Market,	28 49	
J. & T. Durfee, iron work	21 91	
Allen & Bliss, brushes, &c.	4 30	
Lineas Wood, glazing in Market,	6 00	
William H. Manchester, labor hanging bell,	3 00	
Marine Bank, temporary loans and interest,	20,506 67	
William H. Lovell, sewing matting,	2 68	
R. A. Dillingham, table for ward room,	2 00	
Jonathan Reynolds, tree for Market Square,	5 00	
	156,127 33	

Amount brought forward,	$156,127 33	$18,941 32
S. R. Townsend, temporary loan,	2,000 00	
John W. Barker's damage to horse and wagon from being frightened by gong of engine No. 6,	150 00	
David Baker, iron weights,	23 85	
N. B. Institution for Savings, loans and interest,	2,550 42	
Joseph Brownell, note and interest,	1,543 75	
Members of the Protecting Society,	75 00	
William H. Howard, furniture,	2 50	
R. A. Dillingham, sundries,	32 80	
Gideon B. Spooner, 2d., postages, &c.	6 08	
Anthony Hathaway, labor, old burying ground,	4 00	
Howard & Davis, two clocks,	66 50	
Frederick Bryant, sundries,	1 38	
Hatch, Gray & Co., express,	4 50	
Charles D. Burt, sundry expenses,	28 21	
Edward Cannon, hanging bell,	19 00	
Squire Gifford, carting bell,	6 50	
A. Meneelys' Sons, difference in bells,	416 72	
William H. Doane, carting documents,	1 50	
S. A. Howland, E. M. Robinson and A. S. Robinson damage, Cove street,	198 41	
Police Officers, Fourth of July,	96 00	
William Howe, stationery,	4 34	
Lewis Hathaway, stock and labor,	133 31	
Thomas Sanford & Co., painting	10 50	
Sanford S. Horton, sundries,	42 86	
Charles R. Sisson, carriage hire,	2 50	
Asa R. Nye, expenses to procure bell,	23 82	
Manasseh Kempton, taking census,	49 72	
James F. Sisson, taking census,	66 01	
Ezra S. Wilcox, taking census,	43 95	
Estate of Lewis Temple, damage, falling into Sewer,	390 85	
Leonard S. Tripp, labor,	3 13	
Maxfield & Tripp, lumber and labor on drain,	13 73	
Police Officers, cattle show,	48 00	
James R. Ricketson, taking census,	45 09	
J. H. Perry & Co., coal,	79 97	
E. Simpson, labor cleaning Market,	6 40	
Joseph Irish, labor cleaning Market,	5 00	
Edmund Gardner, remittance on tax for 1854,	7 30	
Joseph Allen, Jr., & Co., shelves and brackets for clocks,	7 66	
William A. Spooner, returning deaths,	36	
Gibbs Taber, labor on drain, Water street,	99 32	
Thomas B. Wilcox, damage, Front street,	1,386 02	
Benjamin Rodman, damage, Front street,	1,685 39	
W. & G. D. Watkins, bunting,	1 00	
E. G. Turner, clearing vaults,	14 00	
B. G. Wilson, returning deaths,	9 48	
Frederick A. Kempton, damage, Front street,	1,500 00	
James F. Rumrill, painting ventilators,	5 90	
John K. Cushing, labor hanging bell,	21 51	
David M. Gifford, horse hire,	4 75	
Charles Taber & Co., stationery,	132 45	
T. D. Cook, labor, City Hall,	4 75	
E. K. Delano, G. A. Bourne and S. H. Ingalls, assessing on Front street,	150 00	
Steam Propeller Potomska, freight,	2 03	
	169,355 55	

Amount brought forward,	$169,355 55	$18,941 32
H. D. Wentworth, carriage hire,	15 50	
Benjamin Swift, returning deaths,	1 08	
Gideon B. Spooner, 2d., registrar,	137 75	
Calvin Staples, surveyor	194 00	
Sullings & Kingman, sundries,	6 30	
William W. Crapo, expenses as City Solicitor,	24 60	
Cyrus M. Vaughn, police officer,	37 75	
J. M. Foster, stock and labor,	2 17	
C. F. Bradford, painting,	45 68	
New Bedford Cordage Company, rope,	1 75	
William H. Sherman & Co., carriage hire,	3 75	
J. C. Sherman, repairing lock,	75	
J. M. Hathaway, horse hire,	3 50	
		169,830 13
Transfers to Repairs of Highways,	$10,000 00	
Transfer to Fire Department,	1,500 00	
		11,500 00
Remittances on Taxes,	1,358 98	
Abatement on Taxes for prompt pay,	2,998 97	
		4,357 95
		$204,629 40
Balance to new account,		20,500 87
		$225,130 27

CREDITS.

By Balance brought down,	$1,233 39	
By amount received for rent of Market stalls,	632 00	
By amount received of Obed Chase, for land rent,	375 00	
By amount received of Otis Irish, for land rent,	50 00	
By amount received of S. S. Horton, for licenses, &c.	60 50	
By amount received of occupants of Market, for gas,	42 32	
By amount received for a pedlar's license,	22 00	
By amount received of G. B. Spooner, 2d., for licenses,	388 75	
By amount received of R. A. Dillingham, for use of City Hall,	448 00	
By amount received of Charles D. Burt, fees, &c.	2,495 89	
By amount received of F.L.Porter, Clerk of Police Court,	2,084 62	
By amount received for premium on City note,	25 00	
By amount received from George L. Brownell, on account Fourth of July,	23 00	
By amount received from E. Milliken, use of Common, Fourth of July,	124 33	
By amount received from T. P. Terry, land rent,	6 00	
By amount received from C. D. Burt, dog register,	33 00	
By appropriation for Salaries,	11,000 00	
By appropriation for City Common,	1,000 00	
By appropriation for State tax,	10,417 50	
By appropriation for County tax,	12,915 50	
By annual appropriation,	19,612 87	
By amount of overlay on taxes for 1855,	3,460 04	
By amount of assessment in November, 1855,	24 00	
By amount of assessment in February, 1856,	259 06	
By amount received for temporary loans,	101,897 50	
By amount received for permanent loans,	56,500 00	
		225,130 27.
By balance brought down,	20,500 87	

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries,	$10,890 05
Printing and advertising,	1,164 34
Elections,	323 50
Assessors,	1,595 17
City Common,	1,279 07
Police Court,	67 79
Gas and gas fixtures,	500 76
Fourth of July,	1,984 65
Support of the Insane,	1,117 99
Amount paid on account of temporary loans,	5,930 24
County tax,	12,915 50
State tax,	10,417 50
Front street,	31,401 27
South Second street,	800 00
Cove street,	198 41
Cedar street,	50 00
Incidentals,	6,219 71
Amount of expenditures,	$86,873 95

DEBIT BALANCES, MARCH 1, 1856.

Collector of Taxes 1842,	$3 00
" " " 1844,	25 74
" " " 1845,	34 40
" " " 1846,	62 41
" " " 1847,	73 35
" " " 1848,	219 99
" " " 1849,	14 14
City and County " 1850,	121 88
City and County " 1851,	213 78
City and County " 1852,	512 17
City, County and State taxes 1853,	1,072 55
Collector of Taxes 1854,	3,515 66
Collector of Taxes 1855,	8,125 16
Main Drain and Common Sewers,	5,114 74
Rural Cemetery,	4,609 45
Fire Department,	201 90
City Treasurer,	2,820 23
	$26,740 55

CREDIT BALANCES MARCH 1, 1856.

Alien Passengers,	$48 00
Oak Grove Cemetery,	1,867 28
Free Public Library,	43 68
Pine Grove Cemetery,	146 35
City Debt,	424 85
Lighting the Streets,	262 59
Repairs of Highways,	132 80
City Watch,	377 31
City Liquor Agency,	2,628 88
Support of Public Schools,	4 67
Support of the Poor,	303 27
Incidental Expenses,	20,500 87
	$26,740 55

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Sub-Committee, to whom was referred the duty of taking an inventory of the City Property, submit the following as their Report:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c., &c.

City Hall Building and Lot, 102 rods of Land,	$72,000 00	
Old Town Hall Building and Lot, 30 rods of Land,	10,000 00	
Lot on William Street, 72 15-100 rods of Land,	10,887 00	
Lot of Land at Clark's Point, 2 acres,	200 00	
Powder Magazine and Lot,	681 00	
South Pond and Lot, 20 rods,	500 00	
Lot of Land on Dartmouth Road, 12 rods,	120 00	
Lot of Land on Willis Street, 12 rods,	600 00	
City Common, on Purchase Street,	48,152 00	
Lot of Land at the Cove, 3 acres,	350 00	
City Stable and Lot containing 40 rods,	5,600 00	
Lot of Land near Jonathan Tobey's, 1 acre,	35 00	
Four pieces of silver ware, at West & Crane's,	129 50	
		149,254 50
Rural Cemetery, Dartmouth Street,	$3,000 00	
Oak Grove Cemetery, Smith Street,	200 00	
Pine Grove Cemetery, Head of Acushnet,	2,000 00	
		5,200 00
Standard Weights and Measures,	$380 00	
Surveying Instruments,	350 00	
Public Library, 9,000 volumes,	6,800 00	
		7,530 00

ALMS HOUSE DEPARTMENT.

New Alms House and out buildings,	$23,000 00	
Old Alms House and barn,	1,000 00	
Small Pox Hospital,	100 00	
Farm containing about 76 acres,	12,500 00	
Live Stock,	1,550 00	
Household Furniture,	1,675 00	
Hay and Grain on hand,	400 00	
Oakum Stock and Oakum on hand,	187 00	
Farming Utensils, Wagons, &c.	1,350 00	
Light Wagons,	200 00	
		41,962 00
		$203,946 50

Amount brought forward,		$203,946 50

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

School House and 30 rods of Land at Perry's Neck,	$1,000 00	
School House and 20 96-100 rods Land on Griffin Street,	932 00	
School House and 80 rods Land at Acushnet Village,	1,300 00	
School House and 41½ rods of Land on Hill Street,	2,630 00	
High School House and 120 rods of Land on Middle Street,	17,667 00	
Grove School House and 109 rods of Land on Water Street	4,250 00	
School House and 39 rods of Land on Sixth Street,	3,882 00	
Two School Houses and 44 rods of Land on Bush Street,	8,400 00	
School House and 31 rods of Land on Maxfield Street,	3,850 00	
School House and Lot, North District,	1,029 00	
School House and Lot, Haskins' Corner,	1,200 00	
School House and Lot, Clark's Point,	784 00	
School House and 44 rods Land, Cannonville,	2,000 00	
School House and 20 rods of Land on William Street,	7,350 00	
School House on Market Square,	300 00	
School House and 123 84-100 rods of Land on Parker Street,	13,000 00	
Two School Houses and 55¾ rods of Land on Charles and Foster Streets,	8,000 00	
School House and 34¼ rods of Land on Cedar and Maxfield Streets,	4,000 00	
School House and 84 rods of Land at Belville,	1,500 00	
School House and 60 rods of Land on Dartmouth Street,	5,000 00	
School House Lot on Franklin Street,	2,101 36	
Maps, Globes and Philosophical Apparatus,	1,300 00	
School Library, 2,500 volumes,	400 00	
		91,875 36

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine House and 3 rods of Land on Middle Street,	$1,455 00	
Engine House and 4 rods of Land on Foster Street,	825 00	
Engine House and 14¾ rods Land on Purchase Street,	8,500 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on North Second Street,	1,150 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on Third Street,	750 00	
Engine House and 4 rods Land on Fourth Street,	1,325 00	
Engine House and 13 rods Land on Purchase Street,	3,843 00	
Engine House at Acushnet Village,	397 00	
Engine No. 1,	600 00	
" " 2,	600 00	
" " 3,	1,000 00	
" " 5,	700 00	
New " 5,	1,900 00	
" " 6,	2,308 00	
" " 7,	1,000 00	
" " 9,	1,000 00	
" " 10,	1,000 00	
" " 11,	1,000 00	
New Hook and Ladder Carriage,	1,225 00	
Old Hook and Ladder Carriage,	100 00	
		30,678 00
		$326,499 86

Amount brought forward,		$326,499 86

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Seven horses,	$1,700 00	
Six carts and six harnesses,	500 00	
One double wagon, gear and harness,	150 00	
One double sled,	30 00	
Two leading harnesses,	20 00	
One derrick and rigging,	300 00	
Three triangle derricks and rigging,	25 00	
Five tool houses,	50 00	
One ox cart and gear,	50 00	
Two drags,	7 00	
Four ploughs,	35 00	
Two scrapers,	10 00	
Twenty-one sledges,	50 00	
Sixty-six picks,	75 00	
One hundred and twenty shovels,	60 00	
Forty-three iron bars,	65 00	
Thirty-five hoes and rakes,	8 00	
Ten chains,	10 00	
One hundred splitting drills,	35 00	
Eighteen buckets,	3 00	
Four wheelbarrows,	15 00	
One rut filler,	10 00	
Five tubs and falls,	30 00	
Four mortar boxes,	12 00	
Six hand hammers,	9 00	
Six paving hammers,	6 00	
Eight axes,	6 00	
Four spirit levels,	3 00	
Blowing drills and tools,	100 00	
Lumber,	25 00	
		3,399 00
Total,		$329,898 86

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. NICKERSON, } Sub
JOHN CRANSTON, } Committee.

New Bedford, March 22d, 1856.

CITY DEBT.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	ORIGINAL AMOUNT.	TIME.	RATE OF INTEREST.	ANNUAL PAYMENT.	BALANCE DUE.
1836.						
5 mo. 16.	Provident Institution for Savings, Boston.	10,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per cent.	500 00	500 00
7 mo. 1.	" " " "	6,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per cent.	300 00	600 00
1839.						
5 mo. 3.	New Bedford Institution for Savings.	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	500 00	2,000 00
5 mo. 3.	Pacific Insurance Co., New Bedford,	6,500 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	325 00	1,300 00
5 mo. 29.	New Bedford Institution for Savings,	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	500 00	2,000 00
1852.						
8 mo. 4.	" " "	10,000 00	20 yrs.	5 per cent.	500 00	8,500 00
11 mo. 29.	" " "	7,370 50	20 yrs.	5½ per cent.	393 52	6,689 94
1853.						
6 mo. 14.	" " "	20,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	1,000 00	18,000 00
6 mo. 14.	" " "	12,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	600 00	10,800 00
7 mo. 6.	" " "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5 per cent.	250 00	4,500 00
7 mo. 30.	" " "	13,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	650 00	11,700 00
10 mo. 14.	" " "	2,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	100 00	1,800 00
10 mo. 14.	" " "	20,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	1,000 00	18,000 00
11 mo. 2.	" " "					
1854.						
6 mo. 14.	" " "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	250 00	4,750 00
7 mo. 19.	" " "	5,000 00	20 yrs.*	5½ per cent.	250 00	4,750 00
12 mo. 25.	Joseph Wilcox,	1,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	50 00	950 00
9 mo. 30.	Thomas P. Terry,	1,200 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	120 00	1,200 00
9 mo. 30.	Levi Hawes,	1,200 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	60 00	1,140 00
1855.						
1 mo. 9.	Joseph Wilcox,	1,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	50 00	950 00
1 mo. 23.	George A. Bourne,	1,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	100 00	900 00
2 mo. 17.	Weston Jenney,	2,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	200 00	1,800 00
2 mo. 20.	Thaddeus M. Perry,	1,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	100 00	1,800 00
2 mo. 21.	New Bedford Institution for Savings,	3,800 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	190 00	3,610 00
2 mo. 23.	Benjamin C. Luther, Fall River,	1,400 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	140 00	1,260 00
5 mo. 19.	New Bedford Institution for Savings,	15,500 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	775 00	15,500 00
6 mo. 16.	" " "	11,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	550 00	11,000 00
7 mo. 11.	Jireh Swift, Jr., and others,	5,000 00	20 yrs.	6 per cent.	250 00	5,000 00
12 mo. 1.	Provident Institution for Savings, Boston,	10,000 00	10 yrs.*	6 per cent.	1,000 00	10,000 00
1856.						
1 mo. 1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings,	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	500 00	10,000 00
2 mo. 28.	" " "	10,000 00	20 yrs.*	6 per cent.	500 00	10,000 00
	Balance of Permanent Loan, - - - -				$170,199.94	

*Interest payable semi-annually.

1856.	Balance of Permanent Loan, as above,	$170,199.94
1 mo. 10.	Mechanics Bank, New Bedford, 4 months,	5,000.00
2 mo. 16.	Mechanics Bank, " " on demand,	10,000.00
	Total amount of City Debt,	$185,199.94

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 31, 1856.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 31, 1856.

Concurred.

GIDEON B. SPOONER, 2d., City Clerk.

REPORT,

OF THE

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford.

In compliance with the requirements of the City Ordinances, the Board of Engineers submit the following Report, relative to the present condition of the Fire Department, and the expenditures for its account during the past year. Likewise their estimate of the amount necessary to meet its present liabilities, and the probable outlay required for the ensuing year, viz:

For pay of Firemen to 5th mo. 1st, 1855,	$6,068 45
For construction and repairs of Reservoirs,	4,649 25
For repairs of Engines, Hose and Engine Houses,	1,995 91
For new Hose,	1,889 22
For new Engine and Hose Reel for Company No. 5,	1,678 00
For new Hook and Ladder Carriage,	1,225 00
For incidentals, including alterations of old Watch House,	707 61
	$18,213 44
By balance of old account, 3d mo. 1st, 1855,	$509 66
Received of F. Underwood for s ne,	1 88
By Annual Appropriation,	17,500 00
By Amount overdrawn,	201 90
	$18,213 44

It may be seen that the expenditures exceed somewhat the estimates of the preceding Board, which additional expense has been incurred by the purchase of new Hose, the construction of Reservoirs and the repairs of Engines and Engine Houses.

Three Reservoirs have been located and built the past year; one on Dartmouth street, near Allen street, one on the corner of Cedar and Morgan streets, and another on Mill, below County, making forty-two Reservoirs throughout the City, all of which are in good condition.

There have been added to the Department during the year, one new Hook and Ladder carriage, to replace the one formerly in use, and one new Engine, (both ordered by the preceding Board)—the latter placed in the house previously occupied by Engine No. 5, and that Engine has been put in good order for use as occasion shall require.

The following statement comprising the names and numbers of the several Engines belonging to the Department, will convey their capacities, and when and by whom built.

VETERAN No. 1.—Built in Philadelphia in 1821. Single cylinder, Perkins' Patent. Diameter of cylinder 7 inches. Stroke of piston, 17 3-4 inches.

CITIZEN No. 2.—(Located at the Head of the River.) Built in Philadelphia, by Mason, in 1802. Diameter of cylinders 6 inches. Stroke of piston, 9 inches.

OHIO No. 3.—Built in Philadelphia by John Agnew, in 1850. Diameter of cylinders 6 1-2 inches. Stroke of piston, 10 1-4 inches.

COLUMBIAN No. 5.—(Reserve Engine.) Built in New Bedford in 1826, by Timothy Delano. Diameter of cylinders 7 inches. Stroke of piston, 9 inches.

COLUMBIAN No. 5.—(New.) Built in Waterford, N. Y., by L. Button & Co., in 1855. Diameter of cylinders 10 inches. Variable stroke to piston, from 4 1-2 to 7 1-2 inches.

YOUNG MECHANIC No. 6.—Built in Philadelphia in 1854, by John Agnew. Diameter of cylinders 8 inches. Stroke of piston, 8 1-2 inches.

PHILADELPHIA No. 7.—Built in Philadelphia by Merrick & Agnew, in 1833. Diameter of cylinders 6 1-2 inches. Stroke of piston 9 inches.

HANCOCK No. 9.—Built in Philadelphia by John Agnew, in 1843. Diameter of cylinders 6 1-2 inches. Stroke of piston, 10 1-4 inches.

FRANKLIN No. 10.—Built in Philadelphia by John Agnew, in 1843. Diameter of cylinders 6 1-2 inches. Stroke of piston, 10 1-4 inches.

OREGON No. 11.—Built in Philadelphia by John Agnew, in 1847. Diameter of cylinders 6 1-2 inches. Stroke of piston, 10 1-4 inches.

HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE No. 1.—(Located on Purchase Street,) has attached, 5 Ground Ladders, 3 Roof Ladders, 1 Pike, 3 large Pole Hooks, 7 Fork Hooks, and 4 Axes.

HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE. (In reserve, located on Second Street,) has attached, 3 heavy Ground Ladders, 1 Medium Ladder, 1 Roof Ladder, 3 large Pole Hooks, 2 small Pole Hooks, 4 Fork Hooks and one strong Clasp Hook.

Spare ladders are also placed in the Engine Houses on Purchase, Foster, Fourth, Second and Third streets. These ladders are all from thirty to forty feet long.

There is in store twelve hundred feet of new leading Hose, and on the Reels attached to the different Engines, five thousand and fifty feet of Hose.

As the Engines and apparatus connected with the Department have increased, a necessity has been felt, that some building should be set apart in which to make repairs and alterations. Accordingly the room in the brick Engine House on Mechanics Lane, formerly used as a Watch House, has been fitted and supplied with the necessary tools for such purposes.

The various Engine Houses are in good repair, and have been kept neat and cleanly.

There has been purchased during the year eighteen hundred feet of new leading Hose, seven hundred feet of which was of large size, for Engine No. 5, and the remainder to replace Hose which had become poor and unreliable.

The Department has been called out forty-four times, twenty-five of which have been false alarms. The value of property destroyed, as near as could be ascertained, was $12,225. The amount of insurance on the same, $5,400. There have been six houses, eight barns, shops, &c., wholly or partially burnt during the year.

The several Companies have been well filled, and good order and harmony have prevailed.

The estimate of expenses for the Department for the ensuing year are, viz:

For pay of Firemen to 5th mo. 1st, 1856,	$6,500 00
For construction of Reservoirs,	4,500 00
For incidentals,	1,800 00
	$12,800 00

Should the foregoing meet the approbation of the City Council, there will be required for the Department an appropriation of thirteen thousand dollars, including the balance to the debit of account.

A number of young men, mostly minors, having purchased an Engine, and organized themselves as a Company, volunteered their services to the City as Firemen. Their Engine, which is styled No. 8, is located in the house on North Second street, formerly occupied by Engine No. 3. In closing our Report we have not thought it unfitting to express our satisfaction at the spirit and promptness with which they have attended upon all alarms of fire, and the promise they

give of becoming an efficient aid and service to the community.

We would recur with pleasure to the entire Department for their general promptness and efficiency, not omitting the "Veteran Association of Firemen," whose services on one occasion were of material benefit.

Per order of the Board,

ZACHARIAH HILLMAN,

Chief Engineer.

New Bedford, 3d mo. 31st, 1856.

In Common Council, March 31, 1856.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 31, 1856.

Concurred.

GIDEON B. SPOONER, 2d., City Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present the following Report in relation to the Poor Department, for the year ending February 29th, 1856.

The amount expended for the Support of the Poor, is, $15,899.40

The items of expenditure are as follows:

OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

For Fuel and carting,	$1,433 82
Provisions,	1,677 47
Allowance to sick and infirm,	361 50
Medicines,	112 82
Physicians' Bills,	275 25
Funeral Expenses,	272 83
Miscellaneous,	128 95
	$4,262 64

AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

For Flour and Grain,	$2,056 75
Dry Goods and Clothing,	470 42
Beef and Pork,	639 61
Other provisions,	1,716 32
Shoes and Hats,	181 99
Furniture and Crockery,	52 58
Hardware and Farming Tools,	626 32
Fuel,	842 72
Repairs and Improvements,	223 17
Blacksmithing,	311 28
Small Pox and Nursing,	119 00
Farm Labor,	369 00
Nurses' and Cooks' wages,	625 44
Farm Stock	667 50
Oakum Stock,	179 47
Medicines,	59 86
Oil,	35 71
Grass Seed,	66 98
Physicians' Bill,	248 00
Repairs of Wagons and Harnesses,	65 40
Superintendent's Salary,	500 00
Chaplain, (six month's salary,)	50 00
Funeral Expenses,	25 00
Miscellaneous,	62 06
	$10,194 58

INCIDENTAL.

Removing Poor,	$95 35
Horse Hire and Traveling Expenses,	63 80
Office Expenses and Repairs,	14 99
Care of Office,	60 00
Stationery,	5 04
Writ and Service,	3 00
Overseers' Salary for 1854,	600 00
Overseers' Salary for 1855,	600 00
	$1,452 18

The receipts have been as follows:

Balance of account,	$3,370 85
Appropriation,	10,000 00
Support of Poor of various towns,	1,177 84
Board of Hospital Patients and others at Alms House,	908 45
Sales from Farm and Work Shop,	611 24
Rent of Miss B. Thrasher's Estate,	19 29
Payment on Mortgage, by George Weston,	100 00
E. C. Briggs, for sale of Reaper,	15 00
	$16,202 67

Balance on hand, 303 27

No. in Alms House Mch. 1, 1855, 79.

Admitted	in	Mch.	"	6.	Discharged	23.	Remain	April 1, 62
"	"	April,	"	11.	"	14.	"	May 1, 59
"	"	May,	"	12.	"	17.	"	June 1, 54
"	"	June,	"	12.	"	8.	"	July 1, 58
"	"	July,	"	18.	"	16.	"	Aug. 1, 60
"	"	Aug.	"	19.	"	16.	"	Sept. 1, 63
"	"	Sept.	"	15.	"	15.	"	Oct. 1, 63
"	"	Oct.	"	22.	"	12.	"	Nov. 1, 73
"	"	Nov.	"	15.	"	18.	"	Dec. 1, 70
"	"	Dec.	"	11.	"	12.	"	Jan. 1, 69
"	"	Jan.	1856,	8.	"	8.	"	Feb. 1, 69
"	"	Feb.	"	12.	"	16.	"	Mch. 1, 65

The above table shows the number of admissions,	161
Whole number relieved in Alms House,	240
Number of deaths (included among discharged,)	17

Of the admissions, 70 were on account of sickness; 54 for destitution; 7 for intemperance; 30 by sentence for Truancy. The inmates remained in the Alms House 3,311 weeks.

The following are some of the principal products of the Farm:

Corn,	300	bushels.
Barley,	56 1-2	"
Oats,	100	"
Potatoes,	321	"
Onions,	45	"
Beets,	22	"
Carrots,	90	"
Pork,	5,150	pounds.
Beef,	3,228	"
Milk,	14,010	quarts.

Value of supplies from Farm furnished the House,						$1,60 88
Of which remain on hand:						
Beef,	6	bbls.	valued	at	$96 00	
Pork,	10 1-2	"	"	"	199 50	
Hams,	1,009	lbs.	"	"	100 90	
Beef Hams,	169	"	"	"	15 21	
Potatoes,	40	bushels	"	"	20 00	
						431 61
Value of produce consumed by the family,						$1,229 27

Mr. Briggs remarks in his statement of the Farm Produce that "a great portion of our time has been devoted to improvement on the Farm, such as clearing land of stone, and laying wall, which has increased the expenses of the Farm without proportionally increasing its products."

The following Farming Tools have been purchased during the year, and have increased unusually that item of expenditure in the account:

A Stone Digging Machine, a Mowing Machine, Roller, Fan Mill, Ox Sled, lot of Iron Axles, Blocks, Derricks and Harrow.

Out of the Alms House, relief has been granted to three hundred and twenty-five families, of which one hundred and thirty-four were those of widows.

The Overseers recommend the appropriation of $13,000 for the ensuing year.

In behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM A. GORDON, Sec'y.

New Bedford, April 3d, 1856.

In Board of Aldermen, 4th mo. 5th, 1856.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

GIDEON B. SPOONER, 2d., City Clerk.

In Common Council, April 28th, 1856.

Concurred.

I. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

1856—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 6.

FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Presented to the City Council March 31st, 1856.

New-Bedford:
E. ANTHONY, PRINTER TO THE CITY.
1856.

REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen, and the Common Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN:

THE Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library, in the discharge of a duty placed upon them by the Ordinance for its establishment, respectfully beg leave to lay before you their Fourth Annual Report.

So familiar have the inhabitants of our City become, through the former Reports of the Managers and their own experience, with the history, plan and condition of the Public Library, that we are not, as we believe, now called upon to enter much into detail upon either of these subjects.

Should any wish or necessity exist for information upon these points, we would respectfully refer the members of the City Council and the public generally, to the former communications from this body.

We would, however, impelled by the same feelings which have prompted our predecessors to adopt the

language of earnestness and satisfaction in their Annual communications to the authorities of the City, with all the sincerity and pleasure which have marked the addresses of former bodies, present to you the expression of our confidence in the plan upon which the Library is founded, and our congratulations at the success which has attended the enterprise.

The successful experience of another year, has given increased evidence of the usefulness and stability of this new and most interesting feature in our municipal history.

It is undoubtedly true, that no act of the municipal authorities of New Bedford has reached, with its recreative and improving operation, so large a part of our population, and probably none has ever met so universally and deeply the approbation of the people.

How clearly and firmly has the idea taken root among us, that a Free Public Library is the crowning glory of the system of public education, which has been from our earliest history, the pride of Massachusetts.

The great and important work of the education of the people, called for an agency which should continue its operation when the school should give up the training of the youth, and the active duties of mature age should demand a large portion of the time and attention.

The habit of reading, formed and disciplined at school, finds in the Public Library the means of gratification and enlargement.

Mental culture, next to the nurture of those germs of immortality and eternal life which is man's most exalted prerogative, the highest privilege of our nature, quickened by the training which the teacher has bestowed, finds encouragement for continued and expand-

ed effort, as hope and help are afforded by the ample stores of the Public Library.

Labor, seeking rest and recreation after the hours of toil are over, finds pleasure and profit, innocent enjoyment and permanent advantage, from the shelves of that ample collection of books which an enlightened municipal action has provided for its use.

The artist and the artisan, emulous of excellence and eager for improvement, resort to this repository of the works of genius and skill, and find guidance and encouragement as they make themselves acquainted with what has already been accomplished in their respective domains, and are made hopeful and ardent in their efforts after excellence.

Thus among our whole people, is felt the potent and healthful action of this large and carefully selected depository of literature, science and art.

Thus among all classes, is there diffused a love of those delights which attend upon the culture and exercise of the intellectual powers.

Thus are the grosser and hurtful modes of recreation avoided and discouraged, and relaxation from toil is no longer, from necessity, a temptation to injurious indulgence.

Thus is there fostered among us the love of elegance and refinement, a source of happiness to the possessor and full of good fruit in every community.

Thus do we encourage in their efforts after improvement and excellence, those who could not by their unaided exertions find access to those helps to progress and high attainment afforded by the recorded labors and discoveries of those who have trodden successfully the same paths before them.

Thus do we, by inciting to intellectual effort and an

enlarged and refined intellectual action, give strength and activity to the higher principles of our nature.

Thus do we encourage the seekers after an exalting and refining course of pursuit, in their search after a knowledge of the good, the beautiful and the true in the domains of nature and art, giving a healthy and commanding activity to those tastes, habits and pursuits, which are in harmony with man's exalted nature and position, and give an assurance of his alliance with the spiritual and divine.

And we feel it allowable to us to add, to this brief enumeration of the benefits of widening and deepening the current of intellectual wealth, that its waters are not given for man's present well being and happiness only, but are intended to mingle in harmonious and aidful action, with the waters of life of that pure river, upon whose banks is found the tree whose leaves are for the healing and salvation of the nations.

Guided by the prominent and important fact that in the administration of the affairs of an institution thus popular in its origin and design, the reading of the people should be diversified and attractive, the Trustees have endeavored so to distribute their outlays as to meet this fundamental necessity.

Ours is a Library for the people. To meet the people's wants and the people's reasonable expectations, the books of a Library for them should be

> "Various,
> That the mind of desultory man,
> Studious of change and fond of novelty,
> May be indulged."

Within a reasonable limit, this desire for the recent and novel must be recognized and gratified. The new publications, when within the nature and means of our institution, must be found upon our shelves.

There are attractions in a new book which sometimes gives a charm to its pages to which it has no inherent claim. But while we have, as we believe, given due heed in sentiment and action to this fact, and have, in this respect, met the public expectation and demand, we have, to a greater extent than heretofore, added to the number of volumes of the standard literature of our language. Such books constitute the true wealth of every library; books of which the beauty never fades, and the wisdom is for all the ages.

Injustice is done to the popular mind, when it is represented as satisfied with the perusal of the light literature of the day. Most singularly unjust and offensive is the idea, that the vile pamphlets which are known as the yellow covered literature of the stews, are found to any considerable extent disseminated among the people. These books, reeking with impurity and poison, filled to repletion with all that can stimulate the prurient thought and give fatal activity to the beastly appetite, are not, we are confident, often met with among us.

But it is sorrowful to believe, that, to some extent, the young and thoughtless of our city are exposed to the deadly contamination of these pernicious publications.

We have reason to believe that the guilty vendors of these vile pages are here, carrying on in secret their horrible traffic, and doing all in their power to spread among our youth these polluted and polluting books.

Let the public sentiment brand the culprit with the deepest marks of its execration.

Let the public authorities bring forth from his hiding place this violator of human and divine enactments.

Let the outraged law visit him with its heaviest penalties, and shield with its protecting arm the youth

of our city from the ruin which he spreads around him.

While we know that we are comparatively free from the corrupting influence of the books of which we have been speaking, we feel also confident, that there is no justice in the declaration that the public are satisfied with what is popularly called the light literature of the press, and seek no acquaintance with the more profitable and substantial works which are placed within their reach.

We believe that there is among our people an increasing disposition to give their time and attention less to the fictitious and ephemeral publications of the day, and more to those books, which give to the reader not only that pleasurable excitement which affords innocent recreation, but those lessons of knowledge and wisdom which render the perusal of their pages one of the most profitable pursuits in which we can engage.

We rejoice in this belief. Although we would pass no censure upon that course of reading which includes, to some extent, the light literature to be found in our depositories, we feel anxious that such mental entertainment should occupy a secondary place in the minds of the people. We are fully assured, that when the pleasure and profit of a higher grade of publications have once found a place in our experience, but little satisfaction is derived from the pages of the novels and noveletts which fill the shelves of the circulating library.

The work of training the mind to a fondness for reading should be commenced in early life. The habit of reading should be early formed. And while the young are still under the guidance and control of the parent and the teacher, should the foundation be laid, of that habit of healthful discrimination which will

lead, in maturer age, to the rejection of the merely frivolous and exciting, and to the choice of such books as will carry forward in the mind and heart the work which anxious and judicious parents and experienced and interested teachers, have commenced.

We would counsel the parent to give earnest heed to this important subject. The books that his child is reading are doing a work of good or evil in the susceptible mind of his offspring, and in this branch of his training, as in every other, will it be found to be true

"That as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

It is not a habit of reading, merely, that brings pleasure and profit in its train.

A depraved appetite may be created which seeks gratification at the sacrifice of the highest good of the mind and heart.

But this can be guarded against, if, as the mental powers expand, they are exercised and disciplined, and nourished, by a course of reading and study which shall give them access to the pure fountains of our higher literature. The children of our schools should read, not only that they may learn that important art, but that the love of the true, the beautiful and good, may be awakened and cherished.

The use of good books, as instruments for training the young, has not been allowed its due importance by the teachers and superintendents of our schools and academies.

Reading and Grammar, while they have occupied a prominent place upon the list of studies, have too generally had attached to them a meaning so restricted and technical, that they have failed to fulfill the important work which truly belongs to them. If the max-

ims and definitions of Lindley Murray are recognized as the supreme law, and every word and sentence arranged and spoken in strict conformity with some one of the legion of the manuals of those language-mongers whose Grammars have become a nuisance among us, the work is supposed to be accomplished.

But all this may be done, and the disciple of Murray remain without any just conception of the powers and beauties of our noble language. All this may be done, and yet the reading of the scholar be utterly powerless. All this may be done, and yet the reader may not have the least apprehension of those niceties of meaning, those felicities of phrase and that profundity of thought, which constitute the excellence of the composition.

These remarks are not, we would respectfully submit, irrelevant to the object of this report. The purposes of the Free Public Library are the recreation, elevation and improvement of the public mind. The books to accomplish this work must be read, and read with a capacity to apprehend their meaning and with a mind trained to a love of the beautiful and true.

The books of our Library best fitted to carry forward the work of education, commenced in the Public School, are those which will not be read at all, or if read, will not be appreciated, by those who come forth from our schools destitute of the tastes and tendencies which seek opportunities for elevation and improvement.

Deeply impressed with this truth, and clearly convinced of the potential position of our higher literature in the work of training for usefulness and happiness the minds and hearts of the people, we have felt it to be our duty to call the attention of parents and teachers to this subject.

A great and good work will have been effected, when all our teachers shall clearly understand, and understandingly inculcate the sentiment, that correct reading is not an attractive and powerful delivery; and that a memory loaded by flattery or flagellation with every particle of the weariness of Murray and Brown, furnishes but little aid in the work of obtaining an accurate and extensive knowledge of our noble English tongue.

A knowledge of language and the ability to use it rightly, and fully to understand the written thoughts of others, or effectually to give them utterance, are acquisitions which follow a diligent and comprehensive study of the writings of those master minds, whose genius and labor have built up the massive and beautiful structure of English literature.

A mind thus prepared to appreciate and enjoy the books of a well selected depository, can understand and appreciate the language of the poet in his address to the silent teachers upon the shelves of his library:

"Whether 'tis yours to lead the willing mind
Through history's mazes, and the turnings find;
Or whether led by science, ye retire,
Lost and bewildered in the vast desire;
Whether the muse invites you to her bowers,
And crowns your placid brows with living flowers;
Or godlike wisdom teaches you to show
The noblest road to happiness below;
Or men and manners prompt the easy page
To mark the flying follies of the age:
Whatever good ye boast, that good impart;
Inform the head and rectify the heart."

During the year ending the 4th instant, there have been taken from the Library, *twenty-three thousand two hundred and forty books.*

The number of new cards issued within the same period is *seven hundred and fifty-four.*

The whole number of cards issued is *three thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.*

The number of books out at this time is about *twelve hundred.*

Nine hundred and seventy-nine volumes have been added to the Library.

Of this number, *one hundred and five* are donations.

The number of volumes now belonging to the Library is rising *nine thousand.*

We would respectfully recommend to the City Government an appropriation of the same sum for the maintenance and increase of the Library as has been for the last two years, devoted to this object. This sum has been found sufficient to pay the annual expenses, preserve the Library from deterioration, and allow of an outlay for books sufficiently large to meet the reasonable expectations of the public.

The Trustees of the Library, in their last Annual Report, use the following language with reference to a building for its safety and accommodation.

"While the Board would express themselves satisfied with the appropriation which was last year voted to the 'support, maintenance and increase' of the Public Library, and believe that the sum of two thousand dollars for the next year will be sufficient to sustain it in a creditable and useful position, they feel bound to call the attention of the City Government to the fact that more extensive and securer apartments are demanded for its accommodation.

"The rooms now occupied by the Library are limited and unsafe. The public need better accommodations, and the books a safer depository. Our rooms

are often too crowded for safety, comfort or convenience. Our books, now a large and valuable collection, are every moment exposed to destruction. We feel bound to state these facts without circumlocution or qualification.

"The public good, in its highest and most comprehensive meaning, demands, in our opinion, a depository for the Public Library, more extensive and more secure. The value of the books it contains, and the position it now occupies in the public mind, claim for it the means of a safer and more advantageous arrangement for its keeping and its use. In what way shall these objects so desirable, may we not say indispensable, be obtained? How shall this great and imminent want be met?"

The operations of the City Council during the year, render it apparent, that these views in relation to more convenient and safer accommodations for the Library, were met with favor on the part of its members. The response to the earnest questioning of the Trustees, was a liberal and sufficient appropriation for the erection of a building for the New Bedford Free Public Library.

But another year has passed by and the books are still where they long have been; imperfectly arranged, because space is wanting to have them otherwise, and constantly exposed to loss, injury and destruction, and the public are still suffering from the restricted accommodations allowed them when they visit the Library.

It belongs not to us to review the proceedings of the City authorities in relation to this subject, with a view to the determination of the question, why, with a Council unanimous in its action upon the proposition to erect a building for the Library, the building is not erected,

and the books still remain in their exposed and inconvenient location.

It would have been highly gratifying to the Board, had they been called upon to discharge any service, however humble, in the important work of providing for the City a building for its Library, worthy of the wealth, liberality and intelligence of our inhabitants, and of that prompt, decisive and liberal action which marked the proceedings that resulted in the appropriation for this purpose.

But while the execution of this enlightened and generous design must be left with their successors, it will always remain an honorable distinction of the present Municipal Body, that they have laid the foundation for its ultimate accomplishment.

We would most respectfully avoid any expression of feeling or opinion, that does not belong to the position we occupy in relation to this subject, as the servants of the Council. We have set forth the wants of the Library. We have shown the necessity for ampler and safer accommodations. We have endeavored to present to you a faithful statement of the public wants and the public wishes. It only remains for us to express the hope, that it may be found in accordance with the public convenience, and a proper regard to prudence and economy to have no further delay in the commencement of this important undertaking.

The year that has passed, like those which have preceded it, since the opening of the Library, has afforded evidence of the interest with which it is regarded by the friends of "a more genial culture" both at home and abroad.

Books and other publications have been received as follows:

From Mrs. Eliza Wood, Charles L. Flint, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, the Hon. J. H. W. Page, of Boston, the Hon. Thomas D. Eliot, Prof. Louis Agassiz, through the Hon. John H. Clifford, A. D. Bache, Esq., Superintendent of the Coast Survey, Martyn Paine, Esq., Thomas A. Greene, Esq., J. B. Congdon, Esq., the Hon. Shepherd Knapp, of New York, Charles Johnson, Esq., of Norwich, Henry C. Carey, Esq, of Philadelphia, Messrs. Lindsay & Blackstone, of Philadelphia, Doct. Edward Jarvis, of Dorchester, John Hartshorn, Esq., of Boston, the Smithsonian Institute, the Connecticut Horticultural Society, the State of New York, the Board of Education of the State of New York, the Commissioner of Patents, the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners of the Boston Public Library, by the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop.

Some of the works thus received are rare and valuable, all useful, and all more than welcome. In accordance with our duty and our rules, we have already expressed our thanks to the generous donors for their valuable contributions. We would, however, in this public and general manner, convey to them on behalf of our City, a renewed declaration of our grateful feelings. May this thoughtful regard for the welfare and progress of our highly cherished Institution continue and increase; so that every year the Trustees may be called upon to discharge the pleasing duty of making public a long and continually lengthening list of its friends and benefactors.

We would close our Report by recommending the Free Public Library to the continued regard and fostering care of the Government and the People.

A small balance remains on the books of the City Treasurer to the credit of the account.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr.,

Mayor of the City, and, *ex-officio*,

Pres't of the Board of Trustees.

Abner J. Phipps, Sec'y.

1856—CITY DOCUMENT—No. 7.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

CITY OF NEW-BEDFORD,

FOR THE YEAR

1855-56.

New-Bedford:
E. ANTHONY, PRINTER TO THE CITY.
1856.

REPORT.

The School Committee of the City of New Bedford, in obedience to statute requirement, as well as in conformity to long established usage, respectfully submit the subjoined Report of their proceedings, and of the condition of the Department which has been under their charge, for the municipal year now about to close.

Considering the difficulties and embarrassments naturally arising from the fact, that an unusually large proportion of the Board were new members, who entered upon their present term of service with little or no prior experience in the management of School affairs, and with but a limited knowledge of the varied interests submitted to their guardianship, the Committee believe that they have accomplished as much for the welfare of our schools as, under the circumstances, could reasonably have been expected; though they are neither entirely satisfied with the results of their administration, nor with the manner in which they have discharged the obligations of the important trusts confided to their care. In a city like ours, a long experience as a member of the Committee, is necessary, for the attainment of that intimate acquaintance with the large number of teachers in the service, and that full and accurate knowledge of the numerous schools,

and their still more numerous relations, which is indispensable, in order to the intelligent and proper discharge of the duties of the office; and, therefore, no sweeping or extensive change in the constitution of the Board can, under ordinary circumstances, at once be made, without seriously endangering the prosperity of the School Department.

Realizing the consequences of such a change, in the obstacles which it has presented to their own operations during the year, the Committee have been gratified to learn that a movement has been made, in the City Council, to prevent the recurrence of the evil in future, by an alteration proposed to be made in the City Charter, for that purpose, providing for the election of the members of the School Committee for *three* years, with an arrangement whereby one member in each Ward may be elected annually. Securing as it will, at all times, a large majority of experienced members upon the Board, the Committee believe that the proposed alteration will, if carried into effect, be followed by the most favorable results, and they earnestly hope that the necessary steps will be taken to perfect it without delay.

The recommendation of a former Board, in favor of attaching to this department of the public service, a Superintendent of Public Schools, received some attention, in the City Council, during the latter part of the year. Pending the consideration of the matter in that Body, the present Board, having been called upon for an expression of their sentiments upon the subject, after some deliberation, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Board have learned with great satisfaction that a proposition is now before the City Council for the appointment of a Superintendent of the

Public Schools; that they believe the cause of education would be served by the appointment of such an officer, and the economical expenditure of the funds appropriated to the support of schools, would be promoted thereby.

Subsequent to this action on the part of the Committee, a report was made and adopted in the City Council, in favor of establishing the office, and recommending the subject to the favorable notice of their successors in the City Government. Thus the matter stands at the present time. And, deeply sensible of the importance of the proposed measure, and anxious to secure all the advantages which can be derived from its adoption, though with that degree of doubt and solicitude which some difference of opinion in the Board naturally engenders, as to the success of its practical operation in this locality, the Committee would respectfully but urgently request the incoming administration, in case they establish the office, duly to consider the character and circumstances of our city, and the qualifications requisite to be possessed by the incumbent, and place it upon such a basis in respect to salary, as will enable the Committee to secure a competent person to fill it, and thus give the experiment a fair trial.

Some complaint has been made during the year, that the Committee in filling the vacancies which from time to time have occurred in the corps of *female* teachers, have not properly considered the merits of our own citizens. The Committee, however, think that there has been no good reason for dissatisfaction in this particular, believing that if they have erred at all in this behalf, it has been rather in giving undue importance to citizenship, than otherwise, in making their appointments. The prosperity of our schools is a considera-

tion which far outweighs in importance that of providing employment for our friends and neighbors; and it should ever be the object of the Committee to obtain those, as teachers, who combine the best qualifications for the employment;—at home if they can there be found, but abroad if necessary. And, in this connection, the Committee would take occasion to recommend to those females who may design to engage in the service of the city in the capacity of teachers, the propriety and advantage of attending, if possible, some one of our State Normal Schools before entering upon the occupation. The idea is far too prevalent in our community, that any young lady of fair intellectual capacity, graduating at the High School at the age, perhaps, of sixteen or seventeen years, is competent, at once, for the discharge of the duties of an instructor of youth. But, with few exceptions, this is very far from being the case. The wide range of study there pursued, necessarily precludes that thorough and systematic drilling upon particular branches, which experience has shown to be eminently serviceable in the preparation of teachers; neither is it to be expected that the pupils of the High School should be carefully instructed in the best means of imparting knowledge to others, or in those rules and regulations by which obedience to authority can best be enforced. The High School was not designed particularly for the preparation of teachers or for any other specialty, but to qualify, to some extent, those who might attend it, for the discharge of the various practical duties of life. But if the knowledge here to be acquired, be followed up by the course of training and instruction which it is the peculiar province of the Normal Schools to afford, no lady, possessing a fair natural adaptation to the pro-

fession, could, under ordinary circumstances, fail to command success as a teacher, from the beginning. It is perhaps neither practicable, nor desirable, to fill all the situations in our own public schools with teachers graduating from the schools in question. But if it were generally understood, that the Committee would appoint no teacher to a situation of any considerable importance, whose attainments were not very nearly equal to those possessed by the graduates referred to, it is believed that a more general use of these institutions would be made on the part of applicants, especially from our own community, as a means of elevating themselves to the standard required; and this not only with advantage to themselves, but to the great benefit of the educational interests of the city.

Frequent visits to the schools and their frequent examination, are important, not only to enable the Committee correctly to judge of the character and standing of the particular schools, but in giving stimulus and encouragement to both teachers and scholars in the performance of their respective duties. The former, if competent and faithful, derive new strength from the consciousness that their efforts are witnessed and appreciated; and the latter, aware that their attainments are to be subjected to the test of an examination, are impelled to greater care and attention in their studies and recitations, and to greater exertions for a respectable degree of advancement in their text books. Such, with many others, being the advantages which result from the performance of this duty, the Committee regret that the business engagements of many of their members have, as has often been the case in preceding years, prevented them from giving to it that degree of attention which its importance demands.

But though some of the schools may, in this respect, have been to some extent neglected, the Committee believe that, with the visits of the various Sub-Committees in the annual examination, and at other times, in connection with those of the Chairman, they have still the means of determining with at least an approximation to correctness, the progress and present condition of all the schools in the city. And the Committee with confidence express the opinion, that in the schools taken collectively, there has been gradual improvement during the year—that they are now, generally, in a better state than when the present Board assumed their supervision. Particular schools may, indeed, for a limited time, have deteriorated, rather than improved. Some of the teachers may have proved incompetent for the discharge of the duties assigned them, and others may have, to some extent, neglected those duties. But the Committee have endeavored to remove causes of complaint and supply deficiencies as they have come to their knowledge; and, without contending that the present prosperity of the schools is, in any great measure, to be attributed to their own efforts, or that under more favorable circumstances much more might not have been done for their advancement, they claim to have contributed in some degree to the present favorable state of things, and that they are entitled to a fair share of credit therefor.

The pages immediately succeeding contain a schedule of all the schools in the city, with the names of their present teachers, and the percentage and average attendance of each for the year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

	av. att.	per cent.
John F. Emerson, *Principal.*	110	.95
William E. Fuller, *Assistant.*		
Eliza H. Tobey, *Assistant.*		
Elizabeth C. Babcock, *Assistant.*		
Caroline E. Bonney, *Assistant.*		

PARKER STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ebenezer Hervey, *Principal.*	139	.95
Jane M. Gardner, *Assistant.*		
Jane C. Thompson, *Assistant.*		
Clarissa Staples, *Assistant.*		

CHARLES STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Nancy H. Burr, *Principal.*	97	.90
Louise E. Colburn, *First Assistant.*		
Mary E. Cranston, *Second Assistant.*		

MIDDLE STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

James S. Barrell, *Principal.*	126	.92
Mary A. Underwood, *First Assistant.*		
Abbie A. K. Howard, *Second Assistant.*		
Isabella G. Staples, *Third Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Sylvander Hutchinson, *Principal.*	117	.92
Sarah F. Earle, *First Assistant.*		
Mary E. Allen, *Second Assistant.*		

BUSH STREET GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Hannah B. Robinson, *Principal.*	99	.93
E. Emily Cushman, *First Assistant.*		
Mary E. Smith, *Second Assistant*		

GROVE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ivory S. Cornish, *Principal.*	88	.95
Abbie S. Tobey, *First Assistant.*		
Harriet N. R. Tasker, *Second Assistant.*		

ACUSHNET SCHOOL.

William A. Chamberlin, *Principal.*	41	.83
Susan E. Harrington, *Assistant.*		

	av. att.	per cent.
MARKET SQUARE SCHOOL.		
Nehemiah Lincoln, Jr., *Principal.*	51	.90
Mary C. Slocum, *Assistant.*		
HILL INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Helen M. Gordon, *Principal.*	55	.92
Ursula C. Gwynneth, *Assistant.*		
PARKER STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Annie R. Commerford, *Principal.*	55	.91
Sylvia A. Chace, *Assistant.*		
MAXFIELD STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Eliza J. D. Shepherd, *Principal.*	87	.80
Anna M. Harlow, *First Assistant.*		
Emeline H. Richardson, *Second Assistant.*		
KEMPTON STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Margaret T. Barker, *Principal.*	103	.88
Joanna P. Nash, *First Assistant.*		
Helen H. Kelley, *Second Assistant.*		
CHARLES STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Clara D. Cory, *Principal.*	59	.86
Eliza C. Lewis, *Assistant.*		
WILLIAM STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Mary E. Savery, *Principal.*	95	.86
Mary H. Crowell, *First Assistant.*		
Susan E. Brown, *Second Assistant.*		
BUSH STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Mary T. Congdon, *Principal.*	66	.89
Mary A. Sanford, *Assistant.*		
SIXTH STREET INTERMEDIAL SCHOOL.		
Sarah D. Ottiwell, *Principal.*	106	.91
Sophia E. Haffards, *First Assistant.*		
Charlotte Carr, *Second Assistant.*		
GROVE INTERMEDIAL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Phebe B. Cathell, *Principal.*	109	.86
Harriet N. Allen, *First Assistant.*		
Mary J. Chase, *Second Assistant.*		

	av. att.	per cent.
HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Susan T. Sherman, *Principal.*	79	.82
Eleanor Commerford, *First Assistant.*		
Mary C. Tew, *Second Assistant.*		
PARKER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Anna R. Thornton, *Principal.*	69	.84
Abby F. Bryant, *Assistant.*		
MAXFIELD STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Mary B. White, *Principal.*	104	.83
Amanda J. Clark, *First Assistant.*		
Judith S. Macomber, *Second Assistant.*		
CEDAR STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Dorothy P. King, *Principal.*	81	.89
Annie S. Homer, *Assistant.*		
CHARLES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Patience R. Almy, *Principal.*	107	.75
Lucinda C. Perry, *First Assistant.*		
Susan M. Tompkins, *Second Assistant.*		
WILLIAM STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Sarah H. Hewins, *Principal.*	105	.86
Mary L. Blake, *First Assistant.*		
Jane E. Finkell, *Second Assistant.*		
BUSH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Anna M. Bailey, *Principal.*	95	.87
Sarah E. Fields, *First Assistant.*		
Maria L. Whitney, *Second Assistant.*		
SIXTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Harriet N. Covell, *Principal.*	98	.88
Ruth H. Brady, *First Assistant.*		
Sarah H. Cranston, *Second Assistant.*		
GRIFFIN STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.		
Maria T. Lothrop, *Principal.*	68	.86
Annie H. Sanford, *Assistant.*		
NORTH SCHOOL.		
Lois N. Dean, *Principal.*	23	.68

	av. att.	per cent.
BELVILLE SCHOOL.		
Amantha J. Borden, *Principal.*	30	.91
PERRY'S NECK SCHOOL.		
Alice Barker, *Principal.*		
HASKIN'S CORNER SCHOOL.		
Miranda A. Williams, *Principal.*	31	.81
CANNONVILLE SCHOOL.		
Alvira D. Burdon, *Principal.*	67	
Louisa F. Bryant, *Assistant.*		
DARTMOUTH STREET SCHOOL.		
Ann M. Bonney, *Principal.*	86	.92
Mary A. Crapo, *First Assistant.*		
Eliza A. Sisson, *Second Assistant.*		
CLARK'S POINT SCHOOL.		
Elizabeth H. Howland, *Principal.*	11	.71
ALMS HOUSE SCHOOL.		
Hannah S. Macomber, *Principal.*	16	.97
EVENING ADULT SCHOOL.		
MALE DEPARTMENT.		
George B. Hathaway, *Principal.*	41	
Cyrenus Haskins, *Assistant.*		
FEMALE DEPARTMENT.		
Ivory S. Cornish, *Principal.*	66	
Mary T. Congdon, Anna M. Bailey, Patience R. Almy, } *Assistants.*		

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

When it is considered that in these schools the foundation is laid for whatever instruction may subsequently be received, and that here also the young pupil receives those first impressions of the character and object of schools in general, which will probably make his attendance upon them either pleasant or repugnant to him during all his youthful days, it is obvious that

they claim, equally with the others, the attenttion of the Committee, and that they cannot be neglected, without the consequences of such neglect being felt in all the higher grades of schools. While a wise regard should always be had to the main purpose which they were established to serve, too much effort cannot well be made to pervade them with a healthy moral influence, and to make them pleasant and attractive in all their adjuncts and surroundings. The discipline should be of the mildest character that is consistent with a reasonable degree of order, and the instruction should be so imparted as to animate and interest those who receive it. The exercises should be varied as much as possible to prevent them from becoming tiresome, and the ingenuity of the teachers constantly taxed to maintain a lively and unflagging interest. A warm love of children, engaging manners, and an equable temperament, are qualities the possession of which by teachers in this grade of schools, is indispensable to complete success; and it should be the aim of the Committee to provide them, as far as possible, with instructors of that character. That many of the teachers now in these schools, are wanting in some of the requisites of natural adaptation to their positions, is apparent, when the highest and lowest in rank are compared with each other. But how this consequence is to be avoided as long as the Primary Schools are considered as they now are, to some extent, as a means by which teachers are to acquire the necessary experience to qualify them for situations in the higher grades, is not easily to be perceived. In all of these schools the teachers appear to be endeavoring to perform their duties. But while in some, the recitations are marked by carelessness and indifference, rather than by anima-

tion and zeal; in others, all the exercises are characterized by earnestness and enthusiasm, and a visible pleasure is depicted upon the countenances of those who are engaged in them. And these differences are, no doubt, in a great measure, owing to the varying characteristics of the teachers, and the different methods of instruction pursued.

Hill Primary School. This school has made great improvement during the year, and the examining Committee report favorably respecting its present condition.

Parker Street Primary School. This school is not in a state entitling it to a very favorable notice from the Committee. It is wanting in interest and animation among the scholars; and in this respect, more particularly, a change for the better is greatly to be desired.

Cedar Street Primary School. This school is reported as being in an improving condition, though not in some respects in an entirely satisfactory state.

Maxfield Street Primary School. The remarks made in relation to the Cedar Street School, apply with equal propriety to this.

Charles Street Primary School. This school is now under the charge of Mrs. Patience R. Almy; Miss Jane M. Cook, the former Principal, having resigned her situation at the close of the summer term. Mrs. Almy has had much experience as a teacher, and the school, under her management, well sustains the good character which it has hitherto possessed.

William Street Primary School. This school has a corps of very industrious teachers, and is much in advance of many of its grade. The examination was quite satisfactory.

Bush Street Primary School. This school is under

active and vigorous management, and the recitations and other exercises of the scholars, exhibit much of that life and spirit which it is always pleasant to witness in a school. It is among the first of its grade, and has but one superior in the city.

Sixth Street Primary School. This school has made some improvement during the year, but still occupies a position much inferior to that which has been attained by some others of its class.

Griffin Street Primary School. The system of instruction and mode of management followed in this school, might, it is believed, be imitated with the most favorable results, by the teachers of many of the other schools, not only of the same, but of a higher grade. The exercises, of whatever nature, are always interesting, because both teachers and scholars are evidently interested in them. Every thing appears to be done in this school, with a love of doing it, and a will to do it well. The school has long sustained an enviable reputation; and some fears were entertained by the Committee, that the resignation of Miss Howe, the former Principal, which took place in the latter part of the Fall term, might unfavorably affect its character. Miss Lothrop, her successor, has, however, proved herself to be equal to all the requirements of her position; and though the school may not have gained, it has suffered no material loss from the change.

INTERMEDIAL SCHOOLS.

Many of teachers employed in this grade of schools are among the best in the service; and, as might be expected, they are for the most part in very good condition. Experience has shown, that a thorough course

of training upon the intoductory portions of the text books here used, is far more serviceable, as a preparation for the Grammar Schools, than a more extensive field of study, less perfectly pursued. And with reference to no branch of education taught in these schools, is constant and careful drilling upon first principles, of more especial importance, than in that of Reading. It is here that the scholar's habits in reading are chiefly formed; and, therefore, the utmost care should be taken by the teachers to give them a right direction. Much attention should be given both to the vocal exercises introductory to the reading books, and to those preceding each lesson. Great advantage is also to be derived from the frequent enunciation of the elementary sounds of the letters of the alphabet. Concert exercises in reading may also be occasionally introduced, with profit, for the purpose of forming the habit in the scholar of rendering the meaning of the author with naturalness and expression. In those of these schools in which the system of instruction, above indicated, is closely followed, the scholars appear to much better advantage, than in those where they are taught upon a different principle.

Under this prefatory notice, the remark may, perhaps, most appropriately be introduced, that in one or two of these schools, the manners of the teachers, in their general management, and in their intercourse with the scholars, are not characterized by that degree of refinement which is to be desired.

Hill Intermedial School. This school is under energetic management, and maintains its former good character as an orderly, well conducted school. The excellence of the classes in Arithmetic is particularly noticed by the examiner in that branch.

Parker Street Intermedial School. The order of this school is good, and its condition has decidedly improved during the year. The chief deficiency in this school consists in a want of a proper degree of spirit and animation among the scholars; and if some means could be devised by the teachers to remedy this difficulty, nothing more, it is believed, would be requisite to give the school a high rank among those of its grade.

Maxfield Street Intermedial School. This school has sent a large number of scholars to the Grammar Schools during the year; and, as a consequence, there were no classes far advanced at the time of the examination. The classes appeared well, however, as far as they had progressed in their studies; the discipline is good; and the school is considered to be in a flourishing condition.

Kempton Street Intermedial School. Miss Howland, the former excellent Principal of this school, resigned her situation near the close of the Fall term; and Miss Margaret T. Barker, formerly of the Middle Street Grammar School, was appointed to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. The discipline of the school has improved under its new management; and the examining Committee express themselves as much pleased with the thoroughness of instruction manifested by the classes. The Principal is laying well the foundations for a good school; as will be more apparent as time shall furnish opportunity for the development of the natural fruits of the system pursued.

William Street Intermedial School. This school has a great advantage over any other of its grade, in the possession of a corps of teachers, all of whom are of superior excellence, who act in perfect harmony with

each other, and have for a long time retained their present positions, steadily refusing any change or promotion that does not include their whole number, and provide for their joint action in any new field of labor to which they may be transferred. As a consequence, the school is believed to be without a superior of its kind; and is particularly characterized by the rapid progress and excellent training of those who attend it. It is commended as an example of what can be accomplished in a school of this grade, by experienced, skilful and energetic teachers.

Bush Street Intermedial School. This school continues under the same Principal as last year, and has lost nothing of its former good reputation, as being one of the best of its grade. The happy moral spirit with which the scholars of this school are imbued, affording as it does, many facilities for their government and instruction, is not among the least of the good qualities which have given it its present high rank.

Sixth Street Intermedial School. This school has made marked improvement during the year. The government is good; the classes, with but few exceptions, stand well, and the school may now be regarded as being in most respects, in a flourishing condition.

Grove Intermedial and Primary School. An alteration in the room in which this school is held, was made early in the year, with a view of removing some of the evils which resulted from the union of the two grades. The room was divided by a partition into two apartments, one of which accommodates the smaller Primary scholars, and the other the Intermedial and larger Primary. Though this arrangement is a great improvement upon the old, it separates the two grades only in part; and the school is still subjected to many

of the disadvantages which formerly existed. Miss Caroline E. Bonney, the former Principal, resigned her situation at the close of the Summer term, and was succeeded by Miss Phebe B. Cathell. Miss Cathell has heretofore ranked as one of our best teachers; and though the result of the last examination is rather unfavorable to the comparative standing of that department of the school which has been under her immediate control, the Committee have entire confidence in her ability, and look for more favorable results in the future.

The Primary department of this school is in excellent condition. The examining committee express themselves as being very much gratified with the attainments of the classes, and with the great improvement made.

Charles Street Intermedial School. This school is not composed of the class of pupils best adapted to give it a high standing in respect to scholarship, but the order is good, and its general condition, creditable.

MIXED SCHOOL.

This school, as is well known, was established for the accommodation of those whose age and size render them unsuitable for the Intermedial schools, and who have not the requisite qualifications to entitle them to admission to the Grammar Schools. "Habitual truants," and the disorderly and unmanageable in the other schools, are also sent to this, as occasion requires. The labor of instructing and disciplining scholars of the character thus brought together, is by no means one inviting in its nature; yet, judging by the standard of success, the teachers of no school are

more deserving of praise; especially when it is considered that it is only by the most patient and indefatigable exertions, that success to them is possible. The location of this school is very unsuitable, it being much disturbed by the rattling of carriages, and by various other noises in its vicinity; and it is hoped that some provision for its better accommodation will soon be made, by the erection of another building in a more favorable locality.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Nothwithstanding the distance of several of these schools from the more populous part of the city, which subjects them to some liability to neglect, they have received a due share of the attention of the Committee during the year, and are all considered to be in a very satisfactory condition.

North School. This school, has for some years past, been under the charge of a succession of good teachers; and its most advanced class will now compare favorably with the first classes in any of our Grammar Schools. Mrs. Jane C. Thompson, who was Principal of the school in the early part of the present year, was transferred to the Cannonville School at the commencement of the Summer term, and was succeeded by Miss Lois N. Deane, under whose management the school has since been. The school is very favorably reported; and in point of excellence of scholarship, ranks first among those of its class;

Acushnet School. On the opening of the Belville School at the beginning of the Summer term, the Committee acting upon the suggestion contained in the Report of last year, united the Intermedial and Pri-

mary schools at this place, with the Grammar School; and this arrangement has been continued without detriment to either, during the remainder of the year. The school remains under the charge of Mr. William A. Chamberlain, with Miss Susan E. Harrington as Assistant, and continues in a prosperous condition.

Belville School. This school opened at the commencement of the Summer term in the new building completed in the Spring, and the number and size of the pupils who have attended it, are sufficient proof of the wisdom and necessity of its establishment. The scholars are nearly all small; but the school is pervaded with life and animation, and under the industrious and faithful teacher, (Miss A. J. Borden,) having it in charge, it is rapidly improving.

Perry's Neck School. This school, since the commencement of the Fall term, has been under the charge of Miss Alice Barker, and is very favorably reported. The order is good, and the exercises show thoroughness and faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and industry and zeal on the part of the scholars.

Haskin's Corner School. This school was suspended during the Fall term, on account of the erection of a new building upon the site of the old one. A new house had become necessary, the accommodations afforded by the former one being of a very poor character, and altogether insufficient for the number of scholars to be provided for. The school again opened at the commencement of the Winter term, and has had an unusually large attendance. The school continues under the charge of Miss Miranda Williams, who is entitled to much credit for the ability and success with which she has governed and taught the large number of scholars who have been under her control.

Cannonville School. This school, in the early part of the year, was in a very unsatisfactory condition. The school was very large, and the scholars for the most part, of rather an intractable and disorderly character; and the task of keeping them under any reasonable degree of restraint, situated as they were, large and small in the same room, was one of no little labor. Mrs. Jane C. Thompson was appointed Principal at the beginning of the Summer term, under whose administration the school was much improved; but the scholars could not be taught with advantage under the arrangement then existing, and it was deemed advisable by the Committee to divide the school, and place the larger scholars by themselves in the upper story of the building, which was accordingly done. The change has proved highly advantageous to the school, and it has since continued rapidly to advance in standing. During the latter part of the Winter term, Mrs. Thompson was transferred to the Parker Street Grammar School, and was succeeded by Miss Alvira D. Burdon, under whose management the Committee have confidence that the school will continue to prosper. Miss Bryant, the Assistant, has charge of the lower apartment, and the Committee have been much pleased with the order and neatness which there prevail, and with her general method of management.

Dartmouth Street School. The wants of the South-western section of the city, have long called for better school accommodations in that locality, and the demand has at length been supplied by the erection of a new school house on Dartmouth street. The lower story only, of the building, was at first finished; but that being found insufficient for the accommodation of the scholars, the upper story has likewise since been pre-

pared for their reception. The school opened at the commencement of the Fall term, with Miss Ann M. Bonney as Principal, and Miss Mary A. Crapo, as Assistant; and was in a very excellent state, both in respect to order and the attainments of the pupils, at the time of the Annual Examination. At the beginning of the present term, Miss Eliza A. Sisson was added to the school, in the capacity of Second Assistant, and under the very able corps of teachers now having it in charge, no doubt need be entertained of its continued prosperity.

Clark's Point School. The attendance at this school had became so very small, and so little interest was manifested in its behalf by the inhabitants in its vicinity, that the Committee decided to suspend the school for the Summer term. At the beginning of the Fall term, however, some renewed interest having been awakened, the school was again opened with some increase of attendance, under the temporary charge of Miss Miranda Williams, of the Haskin's Corner school. Miss Elizabeth R. Howland was appointed to the Principalship of this school at the commencement of the Winter term, and judging from her success in this limited sphere of action, she gives good promise of becoming one of our first teachers. The attendance, though much better than formerly, is still small, (the average for the last term being only 14,) yet, with a fair prospect of a considerable accession to the present number during the warmer season, and with the favorable state of things pertaining to the school in other respects, the Committee would not advise either its discontinuance or renewed suspension.

Alms House School. This school still continues under the charge of Miss Hannah S. Macomber, who,

from the commencement of her labor in her present position, has met with marked success in the government and instruction of the class of children of which this school is composed. As its name implies, the school is designed for the instruction of the children connected with the Alms House; but the immediate necessity of its establishment, resulted from the designation of that Institution by the City Government, as the House of Reformation, &c., named in the Act concerning Habitual Truants. The number of children now in confinement at the Alms House, under the Truant Act, is very small; only six being in attendance at the last examination. The falling off in the number of this class, is owing to various causes, which it might be proper to enumerate in this connection. Complaints have repeatedly been made on the part of parents and others interested, that the Alms House is by no means a fit place for the confinement of this, in many respects, unfortunate class of children. During school hours they are, indeed, under the best of influences; but at other times, with no regular employment, and without the oversight of any individual interested in their welfare, they associate freely with the inmates of the establishment, and with each other; and thus subject for a large portion of the time, to the contaminating influences and example of the corrupt among their own number, and the vicious among those with whom they mingle, it is not surprising if, as is alleged, many of them leave the place at the expiration of the term of their sentence, morally, no better, at least, than when they entered it. So strong is the opposition to the law itself, and so many are the obstacles thrown in the way of its execution, in consequence of the objections above named,

that the Chairman of the present Board, by whom the prosecutions under it have hitherto been conducted, has latterly deemed it inexpedient to attempt its rigid enforcement; and, in consequence, few complaints have been made during the last three or four months of the year, against those subject to its provisions; and of the number previously prosecuted, but a small part have been sentenced. It is believed, nevertheless, that the Statute itself, when its design is properly carried out, is beneficial in its operation; and that its repeal would be attended with very unfavorable results. But the whole matter, both in relation to the means by which the enactment is carried into effect, and the disposition of those violating its provisions, needs to be put upon an entirely different foundation, so far as our own city is concerned. There is a large number of boys daily rambling about our streets, who are no doubt liable to prosecution under the law, whose cases do not come, neither, under the present arrangement, can it be expected that they should come, to the knowledge of the Committee now having this matter in charge. And besides, that Committee, as at present composed, cannot, even under the most favorable circumstances, properly attend to all the duties pertaining to their official position. Some further means are necessary to secure the general and more prompt execution of the law; and if no better method of accomplishing this object, is suggested, that of constituting the "Committee on Truants," wholly, or in part, of discreet members of the Police force, might be tried with advantage. And, in regard to the disposition of these "truants," some place should be provided for them, in which they may receive not only the best instruction, but where they may have the constant su-

pervision of those who will exert themselves to correct their evil tendencies, and encourage them to reformation. All their associations and influences should be of a character to stimulate the moral and religious elements of their nature. They should have, also, constant and regular employment during a prescribed portion of each day.

In view of what has been above stated, it is a question deserving the serious consideration of our City Government, whether the time has not arrived for the establishment of a separate institution designed especially to meet the wants of this large class of boys. It is believed that there are not less than fifty of this description of boys now in the city, who might be subjected to the influences which a Farm School, or some estabishment of that kind, would afford, not only with advantage to themselves, but to their parents and the community at large.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

These schools are generally in a very satisfactory condition; though the standard of excellence in some of them is not quite so high as is desirable. A desire has been repeatedly expressed on the part of several of the teachers of these schools, that the regulation providing for the admission of scholars to them from the Intermedial Schools, should be so changed as to allow these scholars to be admitted only at the commencement of the Summer and Winter terms, instead of at the beginning of every term, as is now the case. It is urged in support of the proposed alteration, that the Grammar Schools are relieved of a class only on the occurrence of the semi-annual examinations for the

admission of scholars to the High School, which take place in June and December, and that they can, therefore, accommodate a new class at the time mentioned without difficulty; while if admitted at the beginning of the intervening terms, it seriously interferes with the good arrangement of the classes in these schools, and causes great embarrassment to the teachers in other respects. The subject is deserving of consideration, and is commended to the notice of the new Board.

An instructor in Singing was employed in the schools of this grade, during the early part of the Winter term, with the design of testing the effects of the exercise upon the scholars, and of judging from its general influence, whether or not it might be advisable to provide for the teaching of this branch of education in the Intermedial and all the higher grades of schools. The instructor, Mr. Jason White, has had several years experience in teaching the art in the Public Schools of Providence, where he met with excellent success; and judging from his mode of teaching and the interest which he has awakened in the subject during the brief period of his labor here, it is believed that no person better qualified, as an instructor, could be found, if it should be determined to make the teaching of Singing a permanency in the schools in question.

The remarks in relation to Reading, under the head of Intermedial Schools, apply with equal force to the teaching of that branch in these schools; in some of which, the method there indicated, has been pursued with excellent effect.

Parker Street Grammar School. The Board of last year, partly for the purpose of providing accommodations in the building occupied by this school, for the scholars who had previously attended the Hill Gram-

mar School, and partly with the view of introducing here a system which has been successfully pursued in some of the Grammar Schools of Boston and vicinity, removed the walls previously separating the main room from the recitation rooms, throwing the whole into one large apartment, and then divided the same by means of sliding partitions, into four rooms of equal size; one of which is occupied by the Principal, and each of the others by an Assistant. The theory of the system is that the time lost by the passing of the classes from the main room to and from the recitation rooms, is saved by this arrangement, and that many other advantages are secured, by giving, as it does, to each teacher, the immediate care and management of all the classes coming under his instruction. But, however well the plan may have succeeded in other places, it has not met the expectations of those who introduced it here, owing in part, perhaps, to the imperfect manner in which it was put in operation. The partitions separating the rooms are not of sufficient thickness to obstruct, in any considerable degree, the passage of sound; and consequently, in order to avoid interrupting the exercises which are going on in the adjoining rooms, modes of hearing recitations, not the best calculated to secure either the attention of the scholars, or to make the ability and efficiency of the teachers available, have to be pursued in each. Owing to the combination of qualities—rendered necessary, in part, by the embarrassment arising from this defect—required to be possessed for the government and instruction of the number of scholars contained in each of these rooms, the Committee have had much difficulty in procuring Assistants of the proper character for this school; and for this reason there has not been that uniform

progress in all of its departments, which was to have been desired. The room which has been under the immediate management of the Principal, has invariably appeared well; and the large number of scholars sent from this school to the High School, during the year, attest his ability as an instructor, and evince the value of his labors. Much credit is also due to Miss Gardner, for the good order prevailing in her department, and for the fidelity with which she has discharged the onerous duties of her position. Some further change in the interior arrangement of the school room, with the view of removing the causes which now detract from the character of the school, will probably be found necessary, before its condition and progress as a whole, will be satisfactory.

Middle Street Grammar School. The Principal of this school is eminently deserving of commendation, for the improvement which he has in every way effected in its character and condition since it has been under his charge. The excellent moral tone of the school, and the harmony and good feeling manifested between scholars and teachers, are due in a great measure to his exertions; and the school, as a whole, furnishes a happy example of what teachers, fully competent in respect to qualifications, and animated by a worthy ambition to excel, can accomplish, even under circumstances somewhat unfavorable to success.

Charles Street Grammar School. Miss Abbie Nelson, the former excellent Principal of this school, resigned her situation at the close of the Summer term, much to the regret of the Committee, and of all others interested in the welfare of the school. She was succeeded soon after the commencement of the following term, by Miss Nancy Burr, under whose supervision

the school has since continued. The classes are, for the most part, very favorably reported, and some of those of the First Assistant, Miss Colburn, are especially commended. Perfect neatness and order prevail in all the departments; there is no lack of exertion on the part of either Principal or Assistants; and the school is in a highly prosperous condition.

Bush Street Boys' Grammar School. This school maintains its character for superior excellence in Arithmatic; and some of the classes in other studies, also passed a creditable examination. But though this school in many respects appears well, the scholars are not engaged in their work with that zeal and enthusiasm which are manifested by those of some of the other schools of this grade; and a more hearty co-operation between the teachers, and a warmer sympathy between them and the scholars, are also believed to be necessary, to make the school in all respects what it should be.

Bush Street Girls' Grammar School. Nearly the whole of both the first and the second classes in this school, were admitted to the High School at the December examination of candidates; and the school has sent, during the year, a much larger number to the High School, in proportion to its size, than any of the other schools. This fact alone, is a sufficient indication that the school continues to maintain the high rank among those of its class, which it has hitherto possessed.

Grove Grammar School. This school is in very fair condition. Mr. Cornish, the Principal, is a good teacher, and is laboring earnestly and successfully in his present location. Among several of the classes favorably reported, particular mention is made of one of Miss Tobey's, in Grammar.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The attention of the Committee was early directed to the recommendation contained in the Report of last year, and after giving the matter due consideration, they determined to abolish the Female Principalship in this school. It is not, perhaps, necessary here to enumerate the reasons which led the Committee to this determination, it being sufficient to state, that a proper regard for the welfare of the school, seemed not only to justify, but imperatively demand the taking of this step. Miss Converse, therefore, retired at the expiration of the Summer term, and the Female department was subsequently put under the immediate direction of Miss Eliza H. Tobey, ranking as an Assistant, as heretofore, Mr. Emerson being made Principal of the whole school. At the June examination, a class of thirty-seven in number was admitted, followed by a class numbering sixty-one in December; and the school, during the last term, has had an average attendance of ninety-three in the Female department, and of fifty-eight in the Male department. Mr. Newcomb, the former Male Assistant in this school, resigned his situation at the close of the Fall term, for the purpose of taking charge of the High School in Brighton; and Mr. William E. Fuller was appointed to the vacancy thus made. Mr. Fuller has given very good satisfaction since he has occupied this position; and the Committee deem themselves fortunate in securing his services. A native teacher of the French language was employed in this school soon after the commencement of the last term, and it is earnestly hoped that the services of the same individual will be continued. It is urged as an argument against the employment of such a teacher, that the regular teachers now in the school, are fully com-

petent to give all the instruction requisite to enable the scholars to read the French language understandingly, and thus enjoy the chief benefit to be derived from its knowledge; and this cannot be denied. But, on the other hand, it is believed that the progress of the pupils in attaining an acquaintance with the language, is much more rapid under the instruction of a competent native teacher, than under any other. Besides, the employment of such a teacher, gives a character to the school, which has a tendency to make its advantages sought for by the better class of scholars. The High School should be equal to any in the city, not only in the means which it affords of obtaining an education, but also in the scholarship of those by whom these means are enjoyed, And if the Committee would have it sustain that position, they must provide it with such teachers and such advantages, as will attract to it, and retain in it, those who are most studious, and most ambitious for extensive culture.

The examinations which have been had during the year, have not been very thorough or extensive; but, so far as conducted, have been satisfactory. Notwithstanding the large accession to the number of scholars during the year, the standard of scholarship in the school has not, it is believed, been lowered, those entering being equal, if not superior in their attainments, to those admitted during the preceding year. Under the arrangement made on the retirement of Miss Converse, the school has been managed very pleasantly and satisfactorily to both teachers and scholars; and if it does not now compare favorably with the best schools of its class in other cities, circumstances are propitious for its soon reaching that desirable condition. Since the close of the Summer term, only four regular

teachers have been employed in the school, till, at the commencement of the present term, Miss Caroline E. Bonney was added to the corps of instructors, in the capacity of Assistant.

EVENING ADULT SCHOOL.

The object of this school is sufficiently indicated by its title; and it is only necessary to observe that the advantages which it affords, are eagerly embraced by quite a large number of the class of persons for whose special benefit it was established. The school was opened on the first day of October, and has been continued twenty-four weeks; with an average attendance in the Male department, for the whole season, of forty-one, and in the Female department, of sixty-six. The whole number entered in the first named department was one hundred and sixty-two; and the average attendance, for the first twelve weeks was fifty-three; and the whole number entered in the other department was two hundred and seventeen; with an average attendance, for the corresponding period, of eighty-six. Having for the most part been under the charge of teachers of much experience, the instruction in these schools has been of the character best adapted to promote the rapid advancement of those to whom it has been imparted, and in many instances very commendable progress has been made by the scholars. But from the nature of the material of which the school is composed, and from the fact that the instruction is necessarily confined entirely to elementary principles, no very striking results are to be expected.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Three School Houses—including the one at Belville, which was commenced early in the last Spring, but was

completed after the organization of the present Board, —have been erected during the present year; all of which have been incidentally noticed in connection with the remarks made under the head of the respective schools which have been established in them. The School House erected on Dartmouth street, is upon the same general plan as the one erected last year on Cedar street; there being four rooms of moderate dimensions, two in the lower, and two in the upper story of the building, each designed comfortably to accommodate from forty to fifty scholars. As the school is at present arranged, the lower rooms are occupied one by the Primary, and the other by the Intermedial scholars; and one of the upper rooms by the Grammar scholars, the remaining room being as yet not in use. The whole establishment including land, buildings, fencing, grading, &c., has cost a sum probably exceeding $5,000; and both in its interior and exterior arrangements presents a very handsome appearance.

The new house at Haskin's Corner, is also a very neat and well arranged building; and has cost, including the expense of fitting up and fencing the lot, a sum not varying much from $1,100.

The spacious lot occupied by the School House erected at Belville, has been enclosed by a handsome fence, and the cost of the buildings, together with these items of expense, has been about $1,300.

The lots occupied by the Cedar street and Maxfield street School Houses, respectively, have also been neatly and durably enclosed.

The upper story of the School House occupied by the Cannonville school, has been finished and prepared for the accommodation of scholars, as has been already noticed under the head of that school.

An urgent request was made in the early part of the year, for the erection of a School House for a Primary and an Intermedial school, on the lot purchased last year for that purpose, on the corner of State and Merrimack streets. The Committee, after some investigation, becoming satisfied of the immediate necessity of further accommodations, in that locality, for Primary scholars, and believing that additional accommodations would very soon be required for Intermedial scholars also, made application to the City Council for permission to erect such a building as was called for. The City Council granted the authority required, provided that the building could be erected out of the funds already appropriated for the support of Schools; but as with that proviso the object could not be accomplished, nothing further has been done in relation to the matter.

Some change will no doubt very soon be found necessary in the location of the South Grammar Schools. The Grove school is at present very inconveniently situated for the larger portion of the scholars attending it, and as is well known, the building now occupied by the Bush Street School, is but poorly adapted to the purposes for which it is used. It is suggested that the plan which has been proposed, of removing the Grove school to some situation considerably to the north and west of its present locality, should either be carried into effect, or the alternative plan adopted, of erecting a building somewhere in the vicinity of the intersection of Russell and Sixth streets, designed to accommodate all the Grammar Schools in the southern section of the city. Considering the poor quality of the Bush street building, the latter of the two plans will in the end, perhaps, prove most economical, and is on that account to be preferred. But if such a step is really contempla-

ted, it is desirable that early measures should be taken to secure a suitable lot in the vicinity designated, before all the land shall be appropriated to other purposes.

FINANCIAL.

The amount of expenditures by the School Department for the year ending March 1st, 1856, and the conditon of its funds at that date, are exhibited in the following account:

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DR.

To Teachers' Salaries,	$25,459.07
" Fuel,	2,035.79
" Salary of Committee,	1,000.00
" Books and Stationery,	1,122.61
" Alterations, Repairs, and New Houses,	14,245.55
" Stoves, Pipes, &c.	487.01
" Cleaning, Whitewashing, Sweeping, &c.	1,581.34
" Land for New Houses,	3,106.26
" Incidentals,	901.71
Amount of Expenditures,	$49,939.34
" Balance to new account,	4.67
	$49,944.01

CREDITS.

By Balance March 1st, 1855,	$9,157.91	
" Annual Appropriation,	40,000.00	
" Amount received from Commonwealth,	786.10	
		$49,944.01

It is proper to state in explanation of the above account that the item of "Alterations, Repairs and New Houses," includes not only almost the entire cost of the School houses erected this year, with their appurtenances, but also the whole expense of those erected last year, with the furnishings, fences and other things pertaining thereto; and in the item of "Land for new Houses" is embraced not only the cost of the Dartmouth street lot, but also of that purchased last year on the corner of State and Merrimack streets.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,

ALANSON BORDEN, Chairman.